

## Canal rescue bid in vain as motorist loses life

## TRIBUTES AFTER DRIVER'S DEATH

By Nigel Slater

**HEARTFELT tributes have been paid to a driver who died after his car went into a canal in Walsall.**

Two people pulled the stricken driver clear after his vehicle veered down an embankment into Walsall Canal close to Darlaston Road Bridge.

Firefighters were called to incident near Aldi in Moxley shortly after 8.30pm after the car travelled about 10 metres down an embankment. Two passers-by dramatically ran down the embankment to help him.

High Street in Moxley was closed at its junction with Black Country New Road overnight for police to investigate.

The driver was taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital following the crash, but was pronounced dead the next day.

The driver, later named as 31-year-old Dean Strong, is believed to have been from the Walsall area.

Flowers have been placed to near where the incident happened.

One of the flowers contained a message which said: "My rock, my only brother, my inspiration. I love you more than words can say. Love Abee xxxxx."

And another message from a loved one read: "The love of my life DEAN. You are my one and only love."

## Efforts

Tributes were also paid on social media, while passers-by that stopped to help were also praised.

A man who was at the scene, who did not wish to be named, wrote on Facebook: "Amazing how people stop and help..."

West Midlands Police spokesman Brigg Ford said: "The 31-year-old local man was taken to hospital where, despite the best efforts of medical staff, he later died."

"Collision investigators are now working to establish how the car left the road."

A man, who did not wish to be named, said: "It must be awful for the family to have to go through. My heart bleeds for them."

"I just hope this is not a result of speeding. The Black Country New Road is well known for it."

"I don't think this is the first time this has happened."

David Walters, 70, said: "I can't work out how he has managed to get down there, he must have been going at some speed or lost control in some way or form."

Any witnesses to the incident should call police on 101.

## IN THE RUNNING FOR TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



Museum director Alan Bishop with 'Vintage Delight' who will perform at the 1940s event, Julie Garland and Geeta Mae

A TRANSPORT museum is offering a nostalgic ride down memory lane in Walsall this weekend. Free trips on 11 buses across five different routes will be offered by Aston Manor Road Transport Museum in Northgate during its Autumn Running Day on Sunday.

The routes will take visitors to Lichfield, Walsall, Chasewater, Sutton Coldfield and on a circular through Barr Beacon and Streety.

Museum chairman Martin Fisher, aged 70, said: "It's the last big running day of the year and we're looking forward to lots of people coming out to enjoy it."

An extra pick-up point has been added to a bus service taking visitors to the event. The half-hourly service between Hatherton Road, Walsall and the museum in Shenstone Drive will pick up people travelling to the museum from Rushall Library. Visitors who have been to the museum will be dropped off at McDonald's in Lichfield Road.

Councillor Richard Worrall, who organised the extra stop, said: "This is really good news for constituents living in and all around the centre of Rushall and for people living further afield in High Heath, Pelsall and Shelfield."

"It means that, if they want to travel in style by vintage bus to and from the museum, they don't have to go into Walsall first, they can just catch direct service buses into Rushall, or drive and park up, then catch the half-hourly museum buses at Rushall Library and be dropped off at the McDonald's stop after their visit."

More than 10 vintage buses spanning 60 years will be in operation during the Autumn Running Day. Travelling on the buses is included in the price of entry to the museum, £5 for adults and £2 for children.

## PROPOSALS

## Nursery plan at old pub to bring in jobs

A FORMER pub in Walsall could be transformed into a nursery. The plans could be create more than a dozen jobs.

Nanaksar Education Trust has lodged plans with Walsall Council to transform the Four Horseshoes, in Wellington Street, Pleck, which has been closed since 2012.

The plans state that it was bought by the faith-based organisation, Nanaksar Gururwara, in 2013 with the sole purpose of supporting the needs of the local community.

There would be provision for 52 young children with around 13 new jobs created.

A decision on the plans is due to be made in the upcoming months.

## SALE

## Boatman's Rest is put on the market

A POPULAR pub has been put up for sale with an asking price of £425,000.

The Boatman's Rest, in Walsall Wood High Street, which was called The Red Lion until the 1990s, has been put on the market.

In a listing on property website Right-Move, it said the pub hosted regular live music events and is used by numerous local sports teams.

The description read: "This is a rare opportunity to acquire a profitable freehold inn built on established wet sales, with genuine scope to develop food sales."

## CUTS

## Tackling jobs is focus of meeting

COUNCIL bosses were this week discussing how to tackle anti-social behaviour in the face of budget cuts.

Walsall Council's targeted youth scheme is to see its budget reduced from £1.96 million to £888,000.

Councillors on the education and children's services overview and scrutiny committee were discussing on Tuesday night how to continue the work of the scheme. One idea was to base the scheme solely at The Myplace centre in the town.

## SPORT:

## Tom's on target as Saddlers top



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# Plug is pulled on Mayweather tour



Floyd Mayweather

BOXING superstar Floyd ‘Money’ Mayweather Jnr will not be coming to Walsall after all, it can now be revealed..

The sporting superstar was set to come to town as part of a tour of England, providing meet and greet sessions with sports fans.

Promoter Spencer Brown said he hoped to bring the multi-millionaire to Walsall Town Hall on November 3, providing a major coup for the town.

But Mr Brown has now revealed talks with the 38-year-old’s promoters Front Line Promotions had broken down and he had been forced to pull the tour.

He was also set to go to London, Leicester, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow, Bolton, Paris and Belgium. Each show was to cost the consortium bringing him over £100,000.

But a promised ‘video drop’, with Mayweather promoting the tour, never came. And after last-ditch talks with a 24-hour deadline given for the video, the show was pulled.

Mr Brown, who represents Gold Star Promotions, said: “I’m afraid we had no option, after not getting the video, to cancel the tour.”

He added: “We are very disappointed.

The whole process has proved very frustrating – we just didn’t know who we were talking to.”

Despite the setback, Mr Brown said he will not give up on bringing over the superstar.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: “It’s not the end of the world because Walsall has shown it can host big-name events such as the Elton John concert at the Bescot Stadium.”

Former mayor Councillor Pete Smith said: “It’s sad news he’s not coming to Walsall. There’s a lot of support for boxing in the area.”

# New town station on cards in action plan

**A NEW train station for Willenhall is still in the pipeline, under a list of options for the town’s future.**

Three years ago a proposal was unveiled for a £4million station with two platforms and car park in Bilston Street, but no firm plans have since been put forward.

But the station could form part of a five-year action plan by Walsall Council to regenerate the town. The station would provide a boost for the case for reinstating a train line from Wolverhampton to Walsall

Cabinet members are to be asked to support proposals to draw up the programme of ‘targeted regeneration’ for the town at a meeting next week.

It will include allowing officers to research sites and previous regeneration in the town so they can draw up a potential work programme.

Simon Tranter, the council’s head of regeneration development and delivery, said: “Such activities could include revisiting land owner and business engagement, tackling derelict and under-utilised properties, progressing delivery of a new railway station, or exploring the use of regulatory powers such as a simplified planning regime or acquisition/compulsory purchase.”

## Priorities

In the report to cabinet chiefs, Mr Tranter said that ‘whilst Walsall town centre and other district centres across the borough continue to thrive and prosper from investment and development activities, Willenhall’s distinct heritage and mixed land uses still present opportunities to boost the economy, development and environment of the area’.

Under the proposals, officers would gather information on land ownership and future plans for sites, identify key businesses and find out which firms are looking to expand.

They would also research key priorities for the town such as delivering an improved market, according to the report.

The findings would be reported back to cabinet bosses together with a programme of ‘targeted regeneration activity’ covering a period of up to five years.

The report is due to go before Walsall Council’s cabinet at a meeting next Monday.

## Hair we go for marathon fundraiser



Postman Tony Meehan ‘the loopy Leprechaun’ with Magicus staff Sharon Harris and Emma-Lea Garmston

A POSTMAN is hoping he has the luck of the Irish when he tackles three marathons for charity – dressed as a leprechaun.

Tony Meehan is running for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of his brother, Michael, who died from cancer in 2011 at the age of 58.

Mr Meehan from Wednesbury was born in Dublin and will be running in his ‘loopy leprechaun’ outfit to mark his Irish roots.

He has already completed the

many others who are inspirational too.

“Macmillan is a great charity and the work they do is extremely important, they do a wonderful job and any money that will help create more Macmillan nurses and funding opportunities will be fantastic.”

Salon staff at Magicuts hairdressers in Hobs Road, Wednesbury have begun a fundraising campaign to support Mr Meehan’s campaign. To donate visit [www.justgiving.com/tonymeehan](http://www.justgiving.com/tonymeehan)

## Inspirational

“I run in memory of my brother who was one of the bravest people I knew, as he fought cancer on and off for 15 years. But you meet so

# Costs of hoax calls made to fire service tops £11,000

HOAX calls to the region’s fire service over the school summer holiday break in the Black Country cost the taxpayer more than £11,000 – with the number of false alarms up from last year.

West Midlands Fire Service received 41 hoax calls in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall this summer, with 26 attended by crews, costing an estimated £428 per hour.

There was also a rise in the calls to West Midlands Ambulance Service during the period – July 24 to August 31 – with the team dealing with 70.

West Midlands Police, however, saw a drop in hoax and abandoned calls. The emergency services have hit out at the rise in calls, saying they disrupt life-saving services.

The figures were released under a Freedom of Information Act.

For hoax calls to the fire service, Walsall had the most pranksters, with 14 calls and six attended. In Wolverhampton, seven of nine hoaxes were attended, with eight out of 10 attended in Sandwell, and five of eight attended in Dudley.

Last year’s summer break saw crews receive 38 hoax calls in the Black Country and 39 in 2013.

Spokesman Neil Spencer said: “Hoax callers who are caught by the police can be fined and jailed. They put the lives of our fire crews and members of the public at risk.”

West Midlands Ambulance Service received 70 calls, up by 12 from last year. But this was down from 140 in 2013.

# Use it or lose it plea on library

A COUNCILLOR is warning community groups to ‘use it or lose it’ over their local library.

Birchills and Leamore Councillor Chris Jones has been working with Beechdale Library staff to try to attract more groups and members of the public to the venue ahead of budget proposals.

Walsall Council will have to find £86 million of savings over the next four years and Councillor Jones said: “We want people to use libraries, they are a cornerstone of their communities.

“I have been working with Beechdale Library to make sure people are aware what is on offer.

“I think community groups, local history groups and members of the public should be pro-active and make sure their local library is well supported.

# Patrols stepped up after vandalism

POLICE have stepped up patrols following a spate of vandalism in Willenhall.

Patrols have been increased after reports of damage in Stretton Road, Hilton Road and Brookhill Way. Police are also continuing to address anti-social antics around The Square, New Invention.

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## Care home criticised following inspection

A CARE home in Walsall has been placed into special measures after a damning report revealed safety concerns, medicines not being given properly and training failures.

Mill Lodge Care Home, in Pelsall, was rated 'inadequate' by Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspectors who found people were put at risk of harm.

Criticisms included people not always receiving their medicines safely and as prescribed.

A published report, following a three-day inspection in June, said medicines were not stored securely and prescribed medicines were discovered unattended in a communal bathroom area.

The report said staff were not always given access to 'effective' training and they were not given the skills needed to support people effectively.

Recruitment concerns were also highlighted, while the home's safety, effectiveness and management was rated as inadequate.

Inspectors deemed improvements were needed to provide a caring and responsive service.

An acting manager had been in place at the time of the inspection but there had been no registered manager since January, which had breached registration conditions with the CQC, according to the report.

David Bailey, Responsible Person at the home, said: "The report currently in circulation is now out of date - CQC visited in September to carry out a re-inspection of our service which went very positively."

## Recycling plant decision on hold

COUNCILLORS have allowed objectors more time to look at plans for a metal recycling plant in Brownhills.

Tandom Metallurgical was expected to be given the go ahead to open the plant on the former Wernicks Hire site in Apex Road, despite a previous application being rejected.

Fresh plans were withdrawn ahead of a meeting at Walsall Council last Thursday. The decision was delayed to allow those against the plans time to consider an updated noise report.

Around 200 people have objected over the plans to relocate the site from Birmingham, a move which would employ 20 staff and create around 10 jobs. The application will now be presented to the planning committee on November 5.

## Arboretum hosts fireworks night

FIREWORK displays will be held at Walsall Arboretum on November 5. The main display is at 7.30pm.

King George V playing fields, Holland Park, Willenhall Memorial Park will also be holding their usual shows.

# Shootings survivor Owen tells of ordeal

A TEENAGER from the Black Country who survived the Tunisia beach shootings in which his brother, uncle and grandfather were all killed has spoken for the first time of his ordeal.

Owen Richards, aged 16, from Wednesbury, was on a family holiday in June when Seiffeddine Rezgui opened fire on tourists.

His brother Joel Richards, uncle Adrian Evans and grandfather Patrick Evans were among the 30 Britons who were killed.

The courageous student said: "When people moan about stuff, you think 'just shut up'. It makes you realise what's important."

Owen remains in contact with other survivors who he met in hospital in Tunisia.

Naomi Wearing, 18, from Blackburn and Lucy Pettit, 23, from Slough, say he has helped them through continuing hospital treatment back in the UK, keeping in touch and offering encouragement, helping them in their recovery.

Owen, who turned 16 just a month before the attack and recently started sixth form at Stuart Bathurst RC High School and College in Wednesbury, said: "I was the youngest person involved.



Owen Richards, left, with his uncle Adrian Evans, grandfather Patrick Evans and brother Joel

"Lucy and Naomi were the closest in age group to me. We met in hospital in Tunisia and kept in touch when we got home, texting and messaging each other regularly. We can relate to each other and what we went through in a way that people who weren't there cannot."

Owen and Joel, 19, had been treated to the holi-

day as a reward for working so hard for their exams. Owen was aiming to get back in time for his school prom; Joel, a promising footballer and referee, was going out to Hungary to officiate some matches; then they were looking forward to a holiday with their mother Suzanne.

She recalled the moment she received the phone call from her son. "That morning everything had been normal. Then there was that one phone call and everything changed," she said.

"It happened so quickly. Owen was using someone else's phone so he couldn't speak for long. I could hardly believe what he was saying. But I put the TV on and realised it was real.

"I'm so glad Owen rang and that I found out from him rather than just hearing about it on the news. Otherwise I wouldn't have known if he was OK."

"I felt so helpless because I was so far away."

"Owen was 16 and he was on his own. He'd only got Lucy and Naomi with him."

"When I reached him, we had lots of hugs and tears, it was such a relief to get to him."

"Owen misses his brother. He looked up to him for everything. They had a fantastic relationship."

# Funds boost prompts call on parade routes

CIVIC leaders say plans to re-route parades on Remembrance Day across Walsall should be dropped after West Midlands Police secured an extra £36.9 million of funding.

All 11 parades through Darlaston, Aldridge, Bloxwich and Pelsall will go ahead this year - but the routes will be changed due to fewer police officers being available. There will be around 39 officers available to close roads and divert traffic, compared to 72 last year, due to a lack of money.

However, following the force's funding boost, community leaders have called for a re-think on the re-route idea.

Darlaston South councillor Doug James has called for West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson to 'practise what he has preached'.

The councillor is trying to arrange a meeting with Mr Jamieson over the coming weeks and has asked for support from the public.

He said: "Now additional resources have been confirmed I am demanding that the Police Commissioner practises what he has preached."

### Traditional

"Police have carried out a faux consultation on the traditional routes knowing all along that they would impose these changes.

"I am taking a stand on this one because I believe we should be able to get a ring-fenced number of officers to help maintain these traditional parade routes.

"It isn't an arduous task, to help make sure traffic doesn't affect a parade to honour war heroes.

"My concern is that if this is just the start, a few years down the line, will the police be saying that they can't attend these events at all?"

Mr Jamieson said: "Despite last week's announcement, we are not yet out of the woods when it comes to austerity cuts. There is still much to be done on the fight for fairer funding to make sure that the government delivers this new funding formula and that 40 per cent cuts to policing do not come in the Comprehensive Spending Review.

"Although Councillor James has not yet requested a meeting with me, his enthusiastic support would be very much welcome as we continue our campaign for fairer funding."

## A Hole lot of change in town



Work starts on flats and a cafe at the Hole in the Wall site

WORK is under way to transform a fire-ravaged Walsall town centre site into flats and a restaurant.

The building neighbouring the Hole in the Wall curtain and fabrics shop in High Street was largely destroyed and had to be demolished after the blaze in 2004. The scheme promises to dramatically change the outlook of the gateway of the town.

Plans for a combination of commercial space and nine apartments were given the nod by Walsall Council earlier this year. It is hoped a restaurant or coffee shop will set up on site.

The Hole in the Wall shop continues to trade next door.

Walsall's regeneration chief and deputy council leader Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "It's another boost for Walsall. It's a fantastic development at a gateway site to the town centre."

The scheme will complement the redevelopment of St Matthew's Quarter, where a £12m shopping centre is planned. Retailers B&M and Poundland have both signed up.

The ongoing town centre regeneration has also included the opening of a new Primark, with a cinema and leisure development under way at Walsall Waterfront.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Silver Sword is set for stage

THEATREGOERS in the West Midlands will get the chance to see a much-loved children's novel brought to life on stage this month.

Ian Serrallier's The Silver Sword will be at The Old Rep, Birmingham, from October 22-24. Tickets are £14, or £12 concessions. Call 0121 3599444 or visit [www.oldertheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldertheatre.co.uk)

Originally written in 1956, it tells the story of a dispersed post-war European family battling to come together against all the odds. Starring Tom Mackley, the production features a string of animal puppets.

### £2m TJ Hughes is open to shoppers

A LONG-awaited £2 million department store in Walsall has opened, creating around 50 new jobs.

TJ Hughes welcomed shoppers as the latest addition to the Saddlers Shopping Centre. It takes over the 30,000 sq ft premises left behind by Argos.

The store has returned to Walsall for the first time in three years after leaving the former Woolworths on Park Street following two years of trading. It was officially opened by the Mayor of Walsall, councillor Angela Underhill.

### Police to tackle speeding drivers

POLICE have launched a crackdown on speeding motorists in the Birchills and Leamore areas of Walsall following residents' complaints.

A number of incidents have been reported regarding vehicles driving in a dangerous manner and speeding.

It is happening along Somerfield Road and Old Birchills, the police say.

Sgt Debbie Gallon said: "The neighbourhood team will be conducting various operations to tackle this throughout the month of October."

### Woman cut free after car crashes into wall

A WOMAN was cut free from a car after it collided with a wall and landed just feet from a house in Willenhall.

Firefighters were called to Ashmore Lake Road, to find the car flipped onto its side across the pavement and the woman trapped inside. She was cut free and taken to Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

It happened on Tuesday night, October 6, at around 11.05pm. Bricks collapsed just in front of the house close to where the car came to a rest.

### Shop to become vets

A CLOTHING shop in Streety will be transformed into a veterinary practice, creating four jobs. The plans were given the go-ahead by Walsall Council. The proposals will transform a unit in Blackwood Road and a garage will be converted.

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**MY** latest bill from BT is £174.54 for the quarter, compared with £129.98 last summer, and every time it rains, the phone line goes dead. It was better than this in the 1950s, wasn't it?

**A READER** asks: "Is it safer to smoke inside a VW than to stand behind one when its engine is running?"

**A READER** says she's thrilled at my suggestion of awarding an exclamation mark to a Hampshire military town, making it Middle Wallop! She was stationed there with the Army in the 1970s and recalls: "As there were 40 women and 4,000 men, we often heard an exclamation."

**JUST** supposing you had voted for Jeremy Corbyn as Labour leader, seen his victory on September 12 and then gone on a long holiday. Away from it all, you'd have been jubilant at helping to elect a potential prime minister who would scrap Trident, abolish tuition fees, nationalise the energy industry, quit the "capitalist" EU, refuse to kneel to the Queen and proudly wear the white poppy of pacifism on Remembrance Sunday. Then you come home to find all those things are either off the agenda or up for discussion. If Corbyn can move so far in less than a month, where will he be as the 2020 General Election looms? On the Tory benches, at this rate.



IT was, of course, very, very wrong for 60-somethings Peter Marsh and Gillian Green, having eaten some cherries, to leave a handful of discarded stones on the soil under a tree in Canterbury. They were caught by two council enforcement officers and slapped with a pair of £80 fixed-penalty fines. In the finest traditions of interrogation, the officials separated the couple in order to question them. So what would have happened if the pair had linked arms and refused to be separated? What level of force is considered appropriate against elderly pip-droppers who decline to be interviewed separately? At what stage do the officials send for armed backup and start pepper-spraying or taser them? Seriously, I'd like to know. I have an orange pip to dispose of.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Man went on rampage at hostel

A CRIMINAL tried to hold a woman probation officer hostage and bit a male police officer during a rampage through a hostel for released prisoners, a judge heard.

Stephen Barry barricaded himself in an office with the woman and held a pen to her throat at the hostel in Aldridge, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The 48-year-old burst into the room before blocking the en-

trance with a fridge and fax machine torn from the wall said Mr David Bennett, prosecuting, who said: "The door was forced open while the probation officer had her back turned and the defendant went straight for her, pulled her round and holding a pen like a knife to her throat."

Barry struck after police were called after he broke a snooker cue, smashed furniture and caused fur-

ther damage at the hostel in Stonnall Road on August 24.

When two constables closed in on the room where he was holding the probation officer he tried to drag her by the hair to another hiding place but she broke free from his grasp.

Then police pounced and he bit one of them on the wrist in the struggle before they could arrest the defendant, who had previous convictions

for 199 offences and was on licence from jail. He was sexually abused in a children's home when young and snapped after passers-by mistook him for a sex offender when he was seen leaving the probation hostel, said Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending.

"It was all over in seven minutes," Barry, of no fixed address, admitted affray and assaulting a Pc and was jailed for 12 months.

# Stars back Margot's stem cell campaign

CELEBRITIES including Nigel-Lia Lawson and Adrian Chiles have backed a campaign to boost the number of stem cell donors in memory of Margot Martini. Margot had a rare and aggressive form of the disease and sparked a worldwide hunt for donors before she died shortly after her second birthday last year.

A new drive launched by the charity Team Margot, set up to honour her memory, aims to double the number of potential stem cell and bone marrow donors in the UK to 2.2 million.

The 2.2 figure represents the age Margot was when she died. Among those backing the cause are Tony Blair's former spin doctor Alastair Campbell, screen stars Catherine Tate and Gemma Oaten and rugby heroes Lewis Moody and Jason Leonard.

An International Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Awareness Day was held last week.

It is held every year on October 7 - the anniversary of her diagnosis. Vicki, Margot's mother, who grew up in Essington and whose family live in Tettenhall, said: "Team Margot continues to honour Margot's legacy and is committed to raising global awareness around the need for more stem cell donors."



Margot Martini

By Lisa O'Brien

## CALLS have been made to install traffic enforcement cameras near to Walsall's main town centre bus station in a bid to stop motorists flouting rules.

It comes after a car collided with a woman in her 30s at St Paul's Street, causing her to suffer head injuries and be taken to hospital.

Blakenall Councillor Pete Smith claims many motorists are ignoring a road sign at the junction of Lichfield Street and Bridge Street, warning drivers about the pedestrian zone ahead which can only be accessed by buses, taxis, permit holders and for loading. He said: "The blatant disregard for this sign results in constant heavy traffic on St Paul's Street where the bus station is located. This in turn is increasing the likelihood of accidents."

Councillor Smith is now calling for traffic enforcement cameras to be placed at the location so drivers who flout the rules are handed automatic fines.

## Enforce

He added: "In certain crowded areas, particularly those designated pedestrian zones like bus station areas, the rights of pedestrians must come before the rights of motorists who flout the rules in order to make a short cut."

"Until action is taken to enforce the traffic rules on this stretch of road, the chances of further serious accidents to pedestrians near the bus station will continue."

Emergency services were called at 5.20pm on September 28 following reports of a collision involving a pedestrian and a Skoda Octavia.

The woman sustained a head injury and other abrasions and was treated at the scene before being taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

The road was closed at Bridge Street for a short time.

The driver of the car was spoken to at the scene by police officers but no arrests were made.

## Artist dedicates display to late friend



Baron Morrison with his creations, including D Old Man, Lady of Colour Marilyn and Look which went on display

A FLEDGLING Walsall artist has dedicated his first public exhibition to a late friend who encouraged him to pursue his dream and put his work on display.

Baron Morrison said he has always had a love for art since he was a schoolboy doing doodles but it has taken him until now at the age of 45 to make a breakthrough with his talent.

The metal sheet worker from Penderel Street, Bloxwich, became a member of the Walsall Society of Artists earlier this year and in recent weeks has seen three of his eye-catching creations go on display at the town's art gallery. The pieces 'Look', 'D Old Man' and 'Lady of Colour Marilyn' which each took him about a month to produce, were among more than 150 pieces in the

group's exhibition which ran through August into September. The father-of-one described it has a significant step for him and dedicated it to former neighbour John Matthews who died around three years ago just before Mr Morrison moved to Walsall from Castle Bromwich.

He said: "He was my neighbour for years and we had a great friendship. He used to tease me about being my agent and say things like 'You're a waste of time how am I going to get rich off you?' but in a nice way."

"But one day he fell ill and went in to hospital and a few days later he had passed away. He was in his 70s."

"I don't think he told anyone how sick he really was and it was a big shock."

"I still visit his wife Ann and we talk about old times."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Patrols increase due to problems

YOUNGSTERS playing football and hitting nearby cars with balls has led to police increasing their patrols on a Walsall road.

Police in Blakenall said there are more patrols during the evenings on Foster Street with troublesome youngsters also using off road bikes and have recently been generally rowdy in the area causing a nuisance to residents.

Sergeant Jim Nixon said: "High visibility patrols are being conducted in Foster Street and the local outreach youth team have been deployed."

On cue to bring snooker to site

A FORMER industrial building in Walsall could become a snooker hall, offices and eatery, under new plans.

A planning application has been lodged with Walsall Council to transform the building in Midland Road. A snooker hall, offices and a cafe, restaurant or takeaway would be created.

The proposals are expected to create 20 full-time and eight part-time roles.

The snooker hall and eatery would be open from 10am to midnight from Monday to Sunday, with offices open 8am-6pm from Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Artist puts his work on show

AN award-winning artist's work will go on display in Walsall later this month.

Malcolm Jones, a member of Great Wyrley Art Group and the Walsall Society of Artists, will exhibit his work at the Atrium Gallery in Blakenall Community Centre, from October 26 to December 7.

Mr Jones, who is influenced by late 18th century and early 19th century artists, has previously been given awards from magazines for his work.

Owners to show off award-winning plot

AN award-winning garden will be opened to the public later this month to raise money for charity.

Marie and Tony Newton, of Buchanan Road, Walsall, will open their Four Seasons garden on October 24 and 25. More than 10,000 people have visited the garden across similar open days in the past.

Admission is £3.50 for adults and all proceeds will go to the National Garden Scheme, which supports nursing and caring charities.

Faulty cable fire alert

FIREFIGHTERS were called to Darlaston after a faulty repair to a cable caused the kitchen to fill with smoke. Willenhall and Bilston crews attended Wolverhampton Street at around 11am on Monday. Willenhall station watch commander Chris Hill said an adaptor had started smoking.

Winnick in suffragette discussion at academy

SIXTH formers discussed the suffragette movement and whether it should be a legal obligation to vote when an MP visited.

David Winnick discussed democracy with students at Walsall Academy and said the new film Suffragette was an appropriate reminder of the struggle women had to get the right to vote.

The Labour MP for Walsall North said: "I told the students it was difficult to believe that just 100 years ago, half of the adult population was denied this basic right simply because of their gender. The fact that at times the campaign became violent was no surprise since the Government then offered no concessions at all over voting rights.

"The film also recalls how the militant suffragette, Emily Davison, died as a result of running in front of a horse owned by the King during the 1913 Derby. On the hundredth anniversary, there was a meeting in Westminster Hall commemorating the campaign and her martyrdom."

Mr Winnick has previously called for a 'legal obligation' to vote, with fines for those who do not turn up to a polling station or inform an election officer in advance that they do not wish to. He said: "I was asked if it was still my view that there should be a legal obligation to vote.

"I said that still remained very much my view, and that those who didn't wish to vote could indicate beforehand such intentions. Australia is a good example of a democracy having such legislation."

Lit-up sign set to go up by M6

A NEW illuminated sign is to be put up next to the M6 despite fears it could lead to accidents and distract drivers.

The LED advert between junction nine at Wednesbury and 10 at Walsall has received the backing of council chiefs.

It will go up on land off Darlaston Road, Walsall, despite objections from Highways England Network Rail over the impact on motorists and trains.

It will be half the size of an existing hoarding 12 metres advert but have a digital display, according to the application by Primesight Ltd.

It comes despite there already being a string of adverts in place on the M6 which carries around 160,000 motorists a day.

From car sales to car washing

A FORMER car dealership in Walsall will be transformed into a car wash and valet business, creating nine jobs. Walsall Council has given the go-ahead to transform the vacant site in Green Lane.

Jealous man broke nose of partner

A JEALOUS man broke his partner's nose in an 'awful' unprovoked attack because he was worried she was involved with other men, a court heard.

The attack in Bloxwich left Marc Hayward's girlfriend with broken bones sticking out through the skin of her nose, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. She was left 'ashamed and embarrassed' after he punched her in the face, and still suffers headaches as a result nearly four months on.

Hayward, of Birchills Street, Walsall, admitted unlawful wounding and was jailed for 16 months. The court heard how 31-year-old Hayward had been released from jail around 10 days before launching the attack. Both he and his partner were 'serious drinkers, with Hayward alcohol-dependent', accord-

ing to Miss Samantha Powis, prosecuting. The pair had been together for two decades but only on a serious basis for six years, the court heard.

Miss Powis said Hayward was 'jealous of his partner's imagined relationship with the other man'.

He warned her that her nose was too long and he could break it so nobody would want her – just days before attacking her in June.

Miss Powis said: "The pair were walking home from Bloxwich when Hayward became abusive, referring again to the victim's nose being too long. Then he punched her in the face with his fist. She was knocked sick and began bleeding profusely straight away and Hayward began shouting at her. "Two witnesses came to her immediate assistance

then he took off his T-shirt, discarded it and walked off." Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said: "He has a clear, long-standing difficulty with drugs and alcohol. He knows it's something he has to address in the future."

Mr Woolhouse said Hayward had been sober since he was remanded in custody after the incident and sought help from alcohol services in prison.

Judge Mark Eades jailed Hayward for 16 months and also imposed a restraining order banning him from any direct or indirect contact with his former partner. Judge Eades said Hayward had 'a shocking record' of past offences. "The assault on your partner was awful," he said. "I've seen the photographs and the injuries are distressing."

Attempted murder trial over fall from balcony

A 28-year-old woman plunged from the balcony of a third floor flat during a bust up in which her lover was allegedly trying to kill her, a jury heard.

Kayli Hill fractured her back, pelvis, ribs and a wrist when she fell to the ground outside Wood House in Little London, Caldmore.

One of her lungs was lacerated and emergency surgery was needed to save the sight of an eye. She described the terrifying incident in a videoed police interview played to Wolverhampton Crown Court at the start of a trial. Michael Riggon, aged 53, denies attempted murder.

The fall followed a row between the pair during which the mood of the man – who had been drinking – suddenly changed on February 27, the court heard.

Miss Hill said: "He switched and went mad. First he punched me. Then he picked up an ornament and whacked me on the back of the head. I felt the blood running down. He didn't do it once. He did it about six times."

Riggon then threw the ornament through a window and walked into the kitchen to collect a knife, the court was told.

Screaming

Miss Hill said: "He said I was going to die. I knew I had to get out. I knew I had to get onto the balcony. I was screaming for help and then he was on the balcony with me. He had put the knife on the step between the living room and the balcony."

Riggon allegedly tried to get her back into the flat, but she refused. Miss Hill said: "He said 'That's it. I am going to kill you now.' He tried to grab my hair and pulled me back into the flat.

"He went in and came out with the knife. I climbed over the corner of the balcony. One leg over and then the other. I was balancing my feet on the little ledge and holding onto the banister. Then I dropped my legs and was holding on with my arms. He could have helped me but he did not."

Riggon, of West Bromwich Street, Caldmore denies attempted murder, causing grievous bodily harm with intent and assault.

Miss Mary Loram, prosecuting, told the jury: "The central issue is what made her fall. Was it the result of her own action or as direct result of the actions of the defendant."

The trial continues.



Walsall College catering students Lucy Kelly and Donovan Cooper, who helped with the Rugby World Cup catering

Students serve up treats to try out

TWO students got the opportunity to develop their culinary skills while working as part of the catering teams supporting the Rugby World Cup.

Walsall College student chefs, Donovan Cooper and Lucy Kelly, provided food for players, corporate clients, staff, volunteers and thousands of spectators during the fixtures between South Africa and Samoa and Australia and Uruguay at Villa Park. The pair are both employed by Birmingham-based catering agency Jubilee Hospitality.

Lucy aged 27, said: "Working behind the scenes at the matches was such a great experience and it gave me the chance to use a diverse range of catering skills."

Donovan, aged 18, started working for Jubilee after Walsall College put him in touch with the agency last year.

One of the first events he had the chance to be part of was The British Grand Prix at Silverstone in July.

He said: "I've only just started my level three BTEC qualification but I've already gained a lot of industry experience."

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IN MY VIEW  
with Mark Andrews



Why give all shows celebrity treatment?

A NEW business operating in the West Midlands is offering a table service with a difference, staffed entirely with “top-less or semi-naked butlers”. The muscle-bound beefcakes pictured in the adverts aren’t really my thing, but I’m prepared to be tolerant. As long as it’s an equal opportunities employer, of course.

MUCH as I hate the nanny state telling us what to do, I dutifully complied and headed for Tesco at the weekend with a “bag for life” dangling off the hook at the back of my trolley. And after less than 10 minutes in the store, having left the trolley unattended for just a few seconds, it was gone.

Bags for life? Mine lasted one week.

AS Alan Sugar returns for another series of The Apprentice, he has immediately stepped into controversy by saying that nobody in the UK can truly describe themselves as poor if they have got mobile phones, microwave ovens and televisions.

Yes, it might stick in the craw being lectured on poverty from a billionaire. And he didn’t help himself with his ignorant, geographically prejudiced aside that there may be “some people up north who are poor”. But he is right, isn’t he?

Mobile phones, microwaves and flat-screen TVs are all luxury items which we all managed perfectly well without just a few years ago.

I’m sure there are some genuinely poor people in the UK, and as a country we have a duty to give them all the support they need. But not many.

Many of the people who claim to be poor today would have been considered comfortably well-to-do just a generation ago, and struggling to pay for life’s luxuries is not the same as living in poverty.

Describing everybody who simply happens to be on a below-average income as “poor” not only cheapens the word. It is also a grave insult to those who truly are in need.

MEANWHILE, on Sunday BBC2 screened a programme about the history of Aston Martin. Now had it been fronted by a motoring expert, somebody who knows, for example, that you can’t describe a car from the 1960s as ‘vintage’, then it would probably have been very good.

But it wasn’t. It was presented by Paul Hollywood, who is a baker. So there was very little fresh insight into the subject matter, but a lot about him.

I know everyone is obsessed with the ‘Bake Off’ at the moment, but does every programme really need the celebrity treatment? Once in a while, it would be nice to hear from somebody who actually knows what they are talking about.



Proud of his roots, Oldbury’s Frank Skinner



Wednesbury poet laureate, Brendan Hawthorne



Acclaimed Walsall poet, solicitor, Ian Henery



Walsall’s most famous son, Noddy Holder

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The Black Country dialect – it’s bostin’ ay it? And now our most popular sayings and slang terms are coming under the spotlight in National Dialect Weekend.

This year it will be Wednesbury hosting the annual event, with activities this week and over the weekend, featuring live music, stories and poems showcasing the huge range of English dialects.

The dulcet tones of Scousers, Mancunians, Mackems and Geordies will be ringing out alongside the Black Country tongue. Not, of course, to be confused with the neighbouring Birmingham accent.

There is nothing worse for a proud Black Country mon than being labelled a Brummie.

The accent often gets labelled ‘thick’, wrongly and unfairly. There’s a certain knowing quality to a line delivered in a Black Country twang. Take comedian Frank Skinner, for instance. “When I was a kid I ran everywhere. Do kids still run these days? I thought all that glue sniffing might have slowed them down,” he says.

Snooty

In the cut glass, received pronunciation tones of a London toff it would sound snooty, prejudiced and ignorant. But we know what Oldbury-raised Frank’s saying. He’s one of us.

Or how about Noddy Holder’s old Banks’s beer advert. “You can save your thankses, I’ll have a pint of Banks’s.” Grammatically it should have every English teacher screaming.

But not around here, it makes perfect sense. This year’s National Dialect Weekend takes place from October 16 to 18. Dialect experts from around the country will be sharing their traditions and taking part in competitions and entertainment at Wednesbury Town Hall, featuring the first official Poet Laureate of Wednesbury, Brendan Hawthorne. The festivities kicked off last week, with a play, An Ox’s Tail, which was performed by its author, Walsall poet, and solicitor, Ian Henery.

Brendan says: “The richness of language is to be celebrated and what better stage



The famous sign from some years ago, at roadworks in Dudley – can you understand the message?

SOME FAVOURITE WORDS AND SAYINGS

**Bostin** – meaning ‘something to boast about’, it’s brilliant  
**Aer kid** – friendly term for a family member, typically a younger sibling  
**Argy-bargy** – having an argument or disagreement  
**Mucker** – a close friend

**Noggin** – head  
**Havin a loff** – sharing a joke with your mates  
**Ow bin ya?** – first thing you say when meeting your friend in the pub to ask how they are  
**Round the Wrekin** – taking the long way round

**Blarting** – crying or sobbing  
**Babby** – baby, often shortened to bab, as an alternative to ‘love’ or ‘dear’ as in ‘ow bin ya, bab?’  
**It’s a bit black over Bill’s mother’s** – the sky in the distance is dark with rain

than the recently refurbished Town Hall in Wednesbury. We have a line-up of Black Country-based entertainment on Friday, starting at 7pm. We have competitions, followed by an evening of national entertainment on Saturday from 10am until 10pm and a guided walk on Sunday morning with local historian Ian Bott, meeting at 9.30am at Wednesbury Town Hall. Come along it’ll be bostin’.”

National Dialect Day began over 10 years ago by the then Chairman of the Lancashire Society Sid Calderbank who enjoyed travelling around the country performing Lancashire di-

allect songs and stories. Other dialect enthusiasts showed an interest and got involved and it became an annual event. Now extended to a weekend it travels round the country celebrating the best of Britain’s dialects. As a precursor to the weekend, Brendan organised three events under the title A Street Full of Dialect at Wednesbury Library, looking at dialects from further afield.

The first was last Wednesday and involved Chinese dance, literature and songs performed in Mandarin and Cantonese by the Chinese Community Centre of Birmingham, with ex-

tracts of the play An Ox’s Tail. The weekend itself will feature the best Black Country fiddle – faggots and peas, ‘grey paes un baercon’ with a vegetarian option if pre-ordered.

There will be a presentation on ‘The Merican Tung’ and a trophy for the best piece of writing in the Black Country dialect. It’s 18 years since Dudley Council decided to lighten the mood for drivers caught in the roadworks at Castle Gate with a sign that said: “If yowm saft enuff ter cum dahn ‘ere agooin wum, yowr tay ull be spile’t!!”

It didn’t really matter that anyone visiting from almost anywhere else in the country wouldn’t have had a clue what it meant.

The thing about the Black Country dialect is that we’ve always known what it is we’re saying, even if no-one else does.

Now at least, on home turf, we can pit ourselves against the pretenders who claim theirs is the best dialect in Britain.

We know we’m bostin’, now it’s toime to shew it aer kid.

\* For further details and to register an interest in the National Dialect Weekend email Brendan Hawthorne on moon-crow@blueyonder.co.uk

SO, how well do you know the Black Country dialect? A little quiz for you...

1. What is a ‘wench’? A) An adjustable spanner B) A woman C) A mood
2. What is a ‘cakehole’? A) A bakery B) A tin C) A mouth
3. If one is admiring another person’s ‘clobber’, what are they referring to? A) Clothes B) Fighting skills C) Tools
4. If it’s ‘bostin’ it is... A) Broken B) Great C) At bursting point
5. What is a ‘bob-owler’? A) A moth B) A horn C) An alarm D) A hat
6. A ‘cut’ is what? A) An injury B) A cake C) A canal
7. ‘Donnies’ are what? A) Hands B) Kebabs C) Men
8. If someone is ‘yampy’ they are... A) Mad B) Whiney C) Sad
9. If someone is ‘half-soaked’ they are... A) Violent B) Drunk C) Slow-witted or lazy
10. A ‘fizzog’ is what? A) A face B) A sweet C) A drink

ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. C; 3. A; 4. B; 5. A; 6. C; 7. A; 8. A; 9. A; 10. A.

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## Incompetence over bins response

THE incompetence shown by Walsall Council is appalling. I had cause to contact the Green and Clean department due to binmen cutting corners, again! There is an expectancy for those residents with certificates, to have their bins collected and returned, to the right place, the right way round, and with the lids closed.

Our binmen take the bins from where we put them, ie, on the footpath. Having emptied them, now they are leaving the bins on the roadway, even further away. Having gone through the long-winded phone rou-

tine to reach the right department, when the phone eventually is picked up what do I get? A totally uninformative 'hello'?

It is blatantly obvious the management is failing still, to give clear instructions as to how the phone response is to be made. In Annie Shepherd's days as chief executive, it was 'Walsall Council', followed by the name of the department, then 'good morning, how may I help you?' These days they haven't got a clue.

**RAY HAMMOND**  
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## Transport vision not very real

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## Why does sport on TV always come first?

IMAGINE that you look after your 90-year old mum. She can no longer get out, and her main source of entertainment is her beloved soaps.

You turn on the telly for her, only to discover that Emmerdale and Corrie have been cancelled.

Instead, the whole evening is to be given over to a celebration of Solemn Mass in the Ambrosian rite from Milan Cathedral.

The liturgical function is topped and tailed with lengthy discourses by retired senior clergy, in which they give learned explanations of such unique Ambrosian features as the vigorous use of the lidless censor.

The switchboard would no doubt be overwhelmed

by angry callers, who had previously believed the Ambrosian rite was a milk pudding, enraged that an evening's viewing had been ruined to cater for a small minority of God-botherers.

Yes, churchgoers are a minority, but they outnumber those who attend even football matches, let alone those who attend rugby games or athletics meetings.

Why, then, do broadcasters who would sensibly balk at the idea of disrupting the schedules with programmes for the religious minority - and even leave Good Friday unobserved - fall over themselves to cater for the smaller minority interested in sport?

**A V HARRISON**  
Great Wyrley

## Time to live in real world

FURTHER to my letter about Essington residents protesting about land in their area being used for redevelopment for the good of this country, we now have another group from Great Wyrley up in arms.

So I ask them, where are we going to build what is needed for the future?

They say that they need to see the green fields lie dormant, and they like to see the wildlife, wouldn't we all in the real world? If these folk from Great Wyrley and Landwood need to see greenery and wildlife let them go to Cannock Chase just up the road from them.

What these protesters need is to come and live in the city for a while and sample the real world. Also do they not realise that the land where their house now stands was once green fields full of wildlife.

**J WHEELER**  
Wednesbury

## VW scandal's lasting effects

HAS anyone thought about what the VW diesel scandal will do to the resale value of diesel vehicles? This, with what we are now being told about how diesel fuel is worse than petrol will surely have an impact on the part exchange value of diesel cars.

It's only a few years ago that experts claimed that diesel was better for the environment than petrol. I am sure that a lot of diesel owners like myself will lose out when we come to sell or part exchange our vehicles. Who will compensate us?

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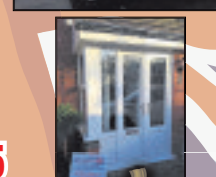
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## Concern over falling pool water levels



Councillor Chris Bott in Moorcroft Wood pool, Moxley, where water levels have dropped, sparking concern repeat. Friends trustee Councillor Chris Bott said they did not want the levels to drop like before and to ensure the safety of wildlife.

"The water levels have dropped two metres," she said.

The Friends of Moorcroft Wood group is now speaking to the Environment Agency and Walsall Council to avoid a

When water levels dropped several years there was a spate of crime which saw fish stolen.

## Fears as tyres set alight

COMMUNITY leaders have called for a meeting with police and fire chiefs over 'dangerous' tyres that have been set ablaze.

Dozens of tyres have been set alight in three separate arson attacks in just a month on waste land off Bull Lane, Moxley, sending huge plumes of thick smoke into the sky.

Community leaders say the air pollution is proving a risk to children, the elderly and asthma sufferers.

In the latest attack, vandals set light

to dozens of tyres. Last month, 30 tyres caught fire at the site and smoke could be seen a mile away. Fire crews were called out to Bull Lane again on September 6 to deal with a blaze involving 75 tyres which had been set alight.

Darlaston South Councillor Doug James said the tyre fires were 'dangerous' and has called for a meeting with bosses from the emergency services to seek reassurances and try and tackle the issue.

He said: "Air pollution from tyre fires are a threat to children, elderly and, asthma sufferers. Air emissions may include polycyclic hydrocarbons,

toxic air pollutants that can cause risk to local people.

"We need to look at improving easier access to legal recycling and, in the longer term, at the hazardous materials that go into tyres in the first place. Arson attacks are a threat to our community as well as the misguided people who engage in this criminal activity."

"Moxley is a great place to live and work. The public health and safety of residents must be protected and we will keep working on solutions."

Darlaston South Councillor Chris Bott said the fires were becoming a health hazard. She said: "It's happening more or less every week."

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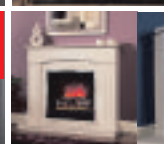
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## Two men injured as car hits wall



Emergency services attend the crash scene at Frederick Street in which two men were injured

TWO men were injured after a car they were travelling in hit a wall in Walsall. The crash happened on Frederick Street, last Wednesday at around 10.50pm.

The ambulance service and two fire engines from Walsall attended the scene, but the two men had already escaped the vehicle by the time they had arrived.

They were treated by paramedics for minor injuries at the scene before being taken to Walsall Manor Hospital. Neither had serious injuries. A spokesman for the ambulance service said: "We arrived to find two patients who had minor injuries. They were later transferred to Walsall Manor Hospital."

Matthew Smith, a spokesman for the fire service, said: "We got a call at 10.51pm - the call originated from the police. It involved one private motor vehicle in collision with a wall. No persons were trapped."

"There were two occupants of the vehicle who were already out at our arrival."

"They were treated initially by the fire service and then by the ambulance services. We made the scene safe."

# Thousands readmitted following discharge

ONE in around seven patients were readmitted to Walsall Manor Hospital within a month of being discharged over the space of a year.

Healthwatch Walsall has called for improvements after revealing 4,004 patients had been readmitted within the 30-day time frame in 2013/14 - representing a 15.7 per cent readmission rate.

The patient-led investigation into hospital discharges found some patients had been readmitted for the same issues and returned within just seven days of being sent home.

A report containing findings from the investigation, said it was down to poor communication and staffing levels.

The authors have identified seven key areas for improvement.

The watchdog has highlighted the need for Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust to improve through better communication, more consistency in providing information, the need to involve patients in the discharge process and for relevant information to be passed to social care on transfer.

The watchdog has offered to work with health chiefs to

By Lisa O'Brien

help develop and implement changes to improve the current 'failings'.

The investigation was launched following concerns raised in Healthwatch Walsall's borough-wide survey about lack of integration between hospital, community and social services, the watchdog revealed.

Rupy Pandaal, chairman of Healthwatch Walsall, said: "Healthwatch Walsall's investigation into hospital discharge has shown that for some people the discharge process can be a traumatic experience."

"This is mainly due to professionals failing to communicate sufficiently with one another to ensure a co-ordinated approach is consistently used throughout the discharge process."

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# Judges back sentences handed out on shooting

A PAIR of criminals who were jailed after a targeted shooting on a family home near Lichfield deserved every day of their sentences, top judges have stated.

Rayon Elton Hyde, aged 28, of Birmingham, and Nikita Taleba White, 34, of Walsall, each got 16 years for their parts in the terrifying attack.

White, of Brooklands, Yew Tree, was the driver, while Hyde, of Church Lane, Handsworth, and another fired a total of eight shots at the house in Hammerwich.

One of the bullets ended up lodged in the frame of the door into the children's play room, but fortunately no-one was hurt.

The pair denied any wrongdoing, but were convicted of conspiracy to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life at Stafford Crown Court in March where they received their custodial sentences.

Last week, their lawyers argued the case that the sentences were 'simply too long', but appeal judges in London rejected their complaints and upheld the previous decision made at crown court.

## Significant

Giving judgment, Mr Justice Jay said that the raid had involved a 'significant degree of planning', including various reconnaissance trips which took place to the house.

The lights had been on when the shots were fired late on a February night last year, meaning they must have known someone was in.

He said: "Hyde fired into these premises knowing there was a significant risk that one or more persons would be in it."

"That the shots were discharged from some distance away makes no difference."

"The judge was entitled to conclude White was involved in this conspiracy up to the hilt and didn't merit differential treatment."

"These were undoubtedly stiff sentences, but they weren't even arguably manifestly excessive."

The judge, sitting with Lady Justice Hallett and Mr Justice Picken, rejected the appeals.

Following the sentencing in March, Detective Chief Inspector Jason O'Toole,



34-year-old Nikita White



Appeal defeat - Rayon Hyde,

the senior investigating officer, said: "Fortunately, firearms incidents are incredibly rare in Lichfield and Staffordshire, and while we suspect it was a targeted attack it was evidently misguided and could have had grave consequences."

"Evidence gathered shows that this was a pre-planned shooting with three previous visits to the address, during which an unsuccessful attempt was made to shoot at the home."

"Thankfully no-one was injured but the victims were left understandably shaken by these incidents and we have continued to support them throughout the investigation."

"Gun crime will not be tolerated in Staffordshire and we will do all we can to bring anyone involved in such criminality to justice."

# Petition over travellers' site

MORE than 2,500 people have signed a petition against plans to set up a permanent travellers' site in Darlaston.

Now a public meeting has been arranged to discuss the next plan of action.

The old Darlaston Multi-Purpose Centre site had been earmarked by Walsall Council to become a permanent site for travellers.

But residents have raised concerns that there could be issues with litter and anti-social behaviour.

Hundreds of residents opposing the plans attended a public meeting last month and a petition was launched.

Another public meeting will take place at Darlaston

All Active club, in Willenhall Road, on October 21 at 7.30pm.

Stephen Roberts, who lives near the proposed site in Taryn Drive, said: "There are now in excess of 2,500 signatures on the petition. We now need residents to write their own letters of objection to the council."

"We are hoping to get the letters in as soon as possible."

Walsall Council is consulting with residents over the plans. Bosses are looking to create almost 30 permanent sites over the next few years to increase existing locations. The Darlaston site is planned for 15 permanent traveller pitches.

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## Cool runnings for the Dart in switch



Mark Lewis-Francis, back, in bobsleigh action at Bath University last week

Picture: Nick Hope

'DARLASTON Dart' Mark Lewis-Francis is already aiming to break records just five weeks into his new sporting venture as a member of the British bobsleigh squad.

The Smethwick-born sprinter, who was part of the 4x100m relay team that stunningly claimed gold in the 2004 Athens Olympics, has been training at the bobsleigh headquarters at Bath University and holds high hopes on ice. The next Winter Olympics, to be held in 2018 in South Korea, are a realistic aim, said Lewis-Francis.

He said: "I wouldn't be the first to compete at both but if I make the

Olympic team and we win a medal then I'll be first British athlete to achieve a summer and a winter medal. "So for me that's definitely on the cards. It's a goal and a possible achievement. If I can help these guys get down the slope in one piece and in a quick time then I'm all for it."

The 33-year-old, who trains twice a week in Bath, is still a member of Birchfield Harriers and trains regularly at The Alexandra Stadium where he refuses to let go of a dream return to the summer Olympic sprinting squad. "Moving forward onto 2016 and I'm in a good place. I've got the

support of physios who will keep me injury-free. I've got a speed team that I can work with," he added.

"We've got back from Switzerland where we were training last week and it was my first ever two-man push. You just don't realise how fast that thing moves - it's a good job my legs can still move to jump in there!"

After suffering niggling injuries over the last couple of seasons, the Birchfield Harrier revealed the change in scenery is like a breath of fresh air.

Lewis-Francis said: "It's a great experience I almost feel as though I'm 14 again starting a brand new sport."

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# Fraudster sentence cut

A FRAUDSTER who tricked an elderly woman into letting him into their home before stealing her purse and cheque-book has had his sentence reduced.

Raza Rafiq, of Pargeter Street, Walsall, bought three cars totalling more than £25,000 with stolen cheques. He was originally jailed for six and a half years at Wolverhampton Crown Court after being found guilty of theft in February.

But his sentence has now been cut to five-and-a-half years by judges sitting at London's Criminal Appeal Court, who said the original punishment was 'too excessive'.

# Residents' blow over changes to road layout

PROTESTERS say they have suffered a blow in their fight to stop a controversial junction being built outside a university campus.

The University of Wolverhampton wants to create a new access road from the Broadway to a planned 225-space car park on the site.

The plans will see a new traffic controlled junction on the road, one of the main commuter routes to and the town centre. They were met with fury by hundreds of residents who claim the junction would create even chaos on the road during peak and off-peak times.

More than 450 people signed a petition against the plans and another 50 letters of objection were submitted by concerned residents once plans had been made public.

But, following talks with university bosses, residents say they have suffered a setback after the university would not consider one of their alternative solutions.



Drs Sinha and Panayiotou

## Concerns

Dr Barnabas Panayiotou, who lives on Broadway Road, said: "It was a really disappointing meeting for us as we are all concerned of the impact this could have. We feel our concerns are not being listened to."

"The impact of this application is going to affect a lot of residents, not just the people who live here but commuters travelling to and from Walsall."

Mr Panayiotou's neighbour Dr Murli Sinha, 68, said the plans would be disastrous for the residents.

"We need to fight off these plans because it will affect many people," he said.

"It will be disastrous for the town if this goes ahead. We would like the plans to go ahead - but in a way in

which it will not make our lives a misery."

A football pitch will be lost to the plans but the university will invest £120,000 for improved sports facilities to compensate for the loss. The all-weather pitch will be upgraded to 3G.

University bosses have previously said the new road would greatly enhance access to the campus site.

Paul Davis, assistant director of estates and facilities at University of Wolverhampton said: "We are mindful of the views of local residents and met with them, along with local councillors, to discuss the plans further."

A decision was deferred in August by Walsall Council and planning chiefs agreed last week to hold off making a final decision until public consultation has ended.

# Mother praises improvement in patient care

A MOTHER-of-two who has had a series of operations over the last two years says the standard of care is improving at the Manor Hospital.

Since having an operation to remove her gall bladder last year, Emma Dale, from Brownhills has had to undergo further surgery after developing an infection and suffered a hernia, and found herself back at the hospital a few months ago to have a gall stone removed and a hernia repair.

Now Emma is on the road to recovery she wants to praise the pilot Surgical Assessment Unit where she was treated this time round

and says she is pleased Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has 'listened' to patients who were critical of past ways of working.

She said: "The pilot Surgical Assessment Unit that has been developed at the Manor meant I had a completely different experience this time round."

"I felt communication was better, I didn't feel as though I was being sent home too soon and, touch wood, my health seems to be improving now."

"When I was discharged after my first gall bladder operation I feel I was more or less left to fend for myself," she said."



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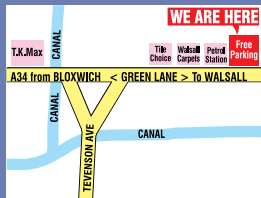
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A garlanded Bishan in 1971 on his first trip back to India after he had left years before



Bishan's passport when he left India, back in 1963



The inauguration of Bishan Dass as mayor of Wolverhampton on May 21, 1986

## MEMORY LANE

By Professor Carl Chinn

IN early 2013, the Express & Star reported that Wolverhampton had the second highest percentage of Sikh residents living in England.

In total, nine per cent of the city's 249,500 residents regarded themselves as Sikh, according to data released from the 2011 census, with only Slough having a higher percentage.

Sikhs are also prominent in Smethwick, Birmingham and elsewhere, and they play a key role in the economic, social and cultural life of our region – as do Hindus. Their population in Wolverhampton is also higher than the England and Wales average, standing just under four per cent.

Many Hindus originate from Gujarat but came to the West Midlands in the 1970s from Uganda and Kenya, where they had been settled for decades. However, like the Sikhs, other Hindus trace their roots to the Punjab.

Following the Second World War, the 1948 British Nationality Act guaranteed free right of entry to British subjects and Commonwealth Citizens.

For much of the 1950s, it was mostly men and women from the West Indies



Part of the presentation made to Bishan Dass at the end of his term as mayor of Wolverhampton

who took advantage of this opportunity. It was during the 1960s that there was a marked increase in immigration to the West Midlands from India and Pakistan.

These hard-working young people played a vital role in the rebuilding of a war-ravaged Britain, settling in the

Dudley Road and Blakenhall areas of Wolverhampton; Caldmore in Walsall; and in and around Smethwick town centre and its Cape Hill area.

Wherever they lived, Indian immigrants faced difficult conditions. Large Victorian houses were turned into lodging houses, sleeping sometimes as many as 15 or 16 friends or members of an extended family.

One of the pioneers of this Indian migration was Bishan Dass, whose absorbing and inspirational life story has been set down in an important book called 'Pride v Prejudice'. It is important because it is a rare account of a first-generation immigrant's experiences. In particular his story of aspiration, endeavour and achievement is reflected in the stories of so many of the Hindus and Sikhs of Wolverhampton, Walsall, Smethwick, Birmingham and elsewhere.

The story of Bishan Dass has another importance, one which is more specific to him as a man and as a citizen. This is because his life highlights his constant battle against prejudice and for equality. He was born in 1942

in a small village called Shaffipur in the Jalandhar district of the Punjab in India. It was a secluded small village with a population of around 300 people. Like millions of villagers in rural India the inhabitants were largely illiterate. Bishan writes passionately, powerfully and persuasively about the discrimination: "The so-called Untouchables saw no end to their humiliation and suffering at the hands of the upper caste Hindus."

### Upbringing

"They had no right to education, could not buy land or other property, could not worship God, or even take drinking water from the same wells, and they were subjected to live in ghettos like scavengers."

Bishan's lifelong fight against the evils of prejudice and discrimination is rooted in his upbringing. He was the second of 10 children to Jagat Ram Bains, 'a landless farmer and a very muscular hard working and determined man', and Partapi Bains, who was 'one of the best caring and hard working mothers in the whole

world'. Despite the hardships they faced, Bishan's parents ensured that he went to primary school and then high school. Both were about four miles away, and the youngster had to walk there and back. Even at school he 'endured some incidents of caste prejudice and personal humiliation' but despite this he passed his matriculation exams with a convincing first division. There was great excitement when Bishan passed his degree in 1963. "I was the first person from the whole village who had attained such a high accolade," he says.

Bishan now set his mind on continuing his studies in England. He and two friends applied to the British embassy in New Delhi for an employment voucher and within a few weeks the documentation had arrived.

On November 29, 1963, he flew out to Heathrow: "The only contact I had was an address of a distant relative whom I had never met and was living in Wolverhampton."

Picked up with five others by an unofficial taxi driver, Bishan "started on a long journey on a cold, dark rainy

evening, dropping us one by one in different towns and cities. I was the last one to be dropped off and we arrived in Wolverhampton at about 9.30pm. The driver knocked at the door of a dimly lit terrace house in Lesley Road in the Heath Town area. A short woman about four feet tall opened the door'.

So began the life of Bishan Dass in Wolverhampton. A remarkable and inspirational man, he has given much to the city through his work and political activity. While working at the Wednesday Tube Company in Bilston from 1972, he was appointed shop steward for the Transport & General Workers Union and three years later was elected to the council. He was elected mayor of Wolverhampton in 1986. He says: "I am proud to be associated with and to be living in this city over the last more than half a century. I regard myself a true Wulfrunian."

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# Beth is Boe-selected to appear on singer's LP

**SINGING** sensation Beth Ford is at it again. The schoolgirl from Bloxwich sent the internet into meltdown after recording an iconic 70s song with Broadway star Alfie Boe's brother.

Earlier this year an amateur video of her singing Pie Jesu in an empty church went viral in America.

The publicity led to an invitation to sing a duet with Michael Boe, elder brother of the People's Tenor Alfie, on his new album *Along The Way*.

When the recording was released online on Sunday October 4, demand was so high that the website crashed for several hours. The pair sang Ralph McTell's *Streets of London* together.

It was not the first time that Beth has sung with a member of the Boe family. In 2011, she was invited on stage at Birmingham Symphony Hall to sing *The Impossible Dream* with Alfie Boe, currently reprising his West End role of Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* on Broadway.

## Special

Beth, who turned 15 recently, was surprised and delighted to get the call from his big brother, who runs *North Opera Star*.

She said: "It was an absolute pleasure to record with him, and be a part of his album."

To now have had the chance to meet and sing with both Michael and his younger brother is very special. It is a one-of-a-kind birthday present to be duetting with Michael.

Beth was brought to the singer's attention by a music blogger. Mr Boe said he was impressed by the purity and technical accuracy of her vocals.

"It is so refreshing to hear a young artist really use her natural and unique voice without resorting to



Beth Ford seen in the studio with Alfie Boe's singing brother Michael

vocal gimmicks," he said. The Walsall Academy pupil's debut single reached No 3 in an iTunes chart this summer and her unreleased cover of the Judy Garland classic *I'm Only Chasing Rainbows* has topped a number of influential music charts.

Her father, Walsall solicitor Nigel Ford, said: "There aren't many school- girls who celebrate their 15th birthday with the release of an album featuring their singing."

Her Pie Jesu video, recorded without her knowledge when she spontaneously started singing in a chapel at Rugby School and then put on YouTube, has now has almost 300,000 views.

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## Swim Deep



**Saturday, 7pm**  
**Institute, B'ham**  
Birmingham indie-rockers Swim Deep will be playing a home-town gig on Saturday. They formed back in 2011 and have a new album called Mothers which is out now. Visit [theinstitutebirmingham.com](http://theinstitutebirmingham.com)

**CBSO 2015-16 - Brahms' German Requiem**  
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## Circa Waves



**Friday, 6.30pm**  
**Institute, B'ham**  
Exciting indie-rock outfit Circa Waves formed in Liverpool in 2013. The band consists of frontman Kieran Shudall, Sam Rourke, Colin Jones and Joe Falconer. Visit [theinstitutebirmingham.com](http://theinstitutebirmingham.com)

**Hypnosis: Lichfield Players**  
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, £10 - £12  
Lichfield Garrick, WS13 6HR. Call 01543 412121

**Sweeney Todd: Stafford & District Operatic Society**  
Fri at 7.30pm, £12.50 - £14.50  
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

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Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, £15 - £19  
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**Michael Portillo: Life A Game Of Two Halves**  
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**Lou Lou's Vintage Fair**  
Sat at 11am, £2  
Wolverhampton Wulfrun Hall, WV1 1RQ. 0870 320 7000

Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star



# Editors make new start in Highlands



Free of the past, Stafford band Editors have recorded a new album, *In Dream*, and play Birmingham's O2 Academy

THEY came pretty close to splitting up when former guitarist Chris Urbaniowicz left Editors in 2012 citing musical differences.

But now, three years on, Editors can show their true colours as they embark on the next phase of their career. The band, which formed in Birmingham in 2002 and was based in Birmingham, have made a clean break with the past on fifth studio album, *In Dream*.

It was made with Depeche Mode and Nine Inch Nails collaborator, Alan Moulder, and his influence is clear. *In Dream* is bigger, richer and more electronic than previous works.

The album was produced in an open studio environment at Crear, in the Western Highlands, where they endured hurricane-like weather.

Bassist Russ Leetch said: "Making a record over winter was really great for us, really creative. You are stuck

inside anyway. Going up to Scotland and having the elements beating against us was inspiring."

The record will surprise some of the band's fans. It is the 'least-Editors-esque' record in their cannon. "We didn't want to repeat what we'd done before," explained Russ.

Editors have sold out their show tomorrow (Fri) at Birmingham O2 Academy, where support comes from The Twilight Sad.



## Tommy plays big band idol

MUSIC legend Tommy Steele, who celebrates his 80th birthday next year, returns to Wolverhampton in The Glenn Miller Story next week.

The show, which brings to life the story of the 1940s American big band leader, runs at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday as part of an 11-venue UK tour. The pop and West End star, who was dubbed the UK's answer to Elvis Presley in the 1950s, says: "It all started after I gave a lecture to some secondary school pupils about rock 'n' roll and country music, and this little girl, who was probably about 12, asked me what it was like to sing with Glenn Miller, to which I laughed and said, 'I'm not that old!'"

"I told this story to friend Bill Kenwright (leading theatre producer) over dinner one evening and he said 'That's it. The Glenn Miller Story, we can do a stage musical about it'. And when I asked him who will play Glenn Miller, he said 'You are'. Despite my protests that I am a pensioner and English, and Glenn Miller was young and American, Bill insisted and said, 'it calls for a song and dance man - you'. I said, 'Bill, I'm too old to play Glenn Miller.' He replied 'Tommy, you're never too old.'"

The showbiz veteran revealed why the role had been irresistible: "Glenn Miller is my idol. When I was a little boy my dad took me to the Albert Hall to see him. All I can remember is this wonderful sound and then came the mystery of his death. It's a great story."

Visit [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk) or call 01902 429212.

### Weekend of folk in cathedral city

BIG names from the world of folk music will be heading to Staffordshire this weekend for Lichfield Festival of Folk, which gets under way tomorrow (Fri).

The annual shindig will mainly be held in the city's Guildhall, in Bore Street, and surrounding venues, featuring local musicians as well as those from further afield.

The bill for the three-day festival includes music and storytelling workshops plus performances by The Exmouth Shanty Men, Blackbeard's Tea Party (who have released new album *Reprobates*), Emily Sanders and Granny's Attic, plus many others. See [www.lichfieldarts.org.uk](http://www.lichfieldarts.org.uk) or call 01543 262223.

### A homecoming and Robin rock legends

THE Hoosiers are back with a new album, *The Secret Service*, just a year on from their fourth LP *The News From Nowhere*, and play The Ooblick, part of the Custard Factory complex in Digbeth, on Saturday.

They will be competing with the big homecoming nearby at The Institute where Swim Deep will be unveiling their new psychedelic groove as heard on their second album *Mothers*.

Legends play Bilston's Robin 2 with The Pretty Things tomorrow (Fri), Andy Fairweather Low on Sunday, revamped Gong on Tuesday and ex-Frank Zappa associates The Grandmothers of Invention on Wednesday.

### Classic comedy in silver screen return

LEGENDARY comedy double act Laurel and Hardy are returning to the big screen, in high definition for the first time.

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Way Out West and Towed In A Hole will be screened at Dudley, Walsall and Birmingham on Tuesday evening with a matinee on October 25. The Music Box and Block-Heads follows at the same cinemas on November 15 (matinee) and 17 (evening).

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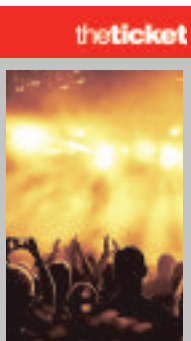


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**CAMPING** had never been my thing, but I decided to try glamping during a weekend to Crealy Meadows in Devon.

We were staying in Camelot Village in Sir Galahad – a medieval pavilion tent. This offered far more comfort and luxury than you would expect under canvas. It was spacious with a double bedroom, a twin room and a set of bunk beds.

Heat and cooking was by the wood burning stove and there was light, so it was easy to find your way around. There was a farmhouse style kitchen diner with a Belfast sink and all the utensils you would need.

It was a great adventure and a little bit daunting when on a walk to the toilet block you stumbled upon a full size fibreglass knight with glaring eyes guarding the campsite in the pitch black night. If medie-

By Lisa Bailey

val times don't float your boat, there is also glamping with an African theme.

Not one to go without my creature comforts for long, the toilet and shower block was certainly five star with underfloor heating and touch point showers. It also has family bathrooms and a laundry. The facilities were immaculate.

The weather for the whole weekend was glorious, but it was the end of September and I think seasoned campers would have taken a few extra woolies for the evening.

With a visit to Crealy Meadows, near Exeter, you also get access to Devon's Crealy Great Adventure Park next door through a secret door. A wristband allows you to visit the park as much as you like.

Entertainment for the Meadows is also at the park and live entertainment begins on

Friday, October 23, to Monday, November 2. The entertainment includes a mini-disco, race night and cabaret.

There are ghostly goings-on between October 24 and November 1. The park also launches a brand new spooky attraction, Trick or Treat with the Treehouse Trolls, while Scooby-Doo visits on October 30.

There was plenty for all of us in the park with rides, including The Twister, Crealy Grand Prix, Vortex, Tidal Wave and Dino Jeeps.

After all our adventures and fun in the park we visited Exmouth for an hour-long coastal cruise with Stuart Line Cruises, taking us along part of the Jurassic coast with beautiful views of the sea and surrounding coastline.

After plenty of sea air, we walked along the promenade and savoured the delights of Exmouth with ice creams in hand. Mine

was topped with clotted cream of course. On the Sunday, we visited the truly beautiful Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, about 20 minutes from where we were staying.

We took a 25-minute scenic tour of the park by train and were shown the points of interest on the way, including the park's 41 metre Grecian fir, the tallest of its kind ever recorded.

The Italian garden was stunning with its fountains and we looked around the Palm House – all made of glass – and looked at the cacti in the Arid House.

We also visited the Countryside Museum with its traction engines, wooden wagons and Victorian kitchen. The story of agriculture over the ages was shown to us on a rolling film. For lunch, we ate on the patio of the Garden Centre and as the sun shone we tucked into a delightful homemade meal before going off for more exploring.

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<div></div> <p><b>Doctor Who (BBC1, 8.20pm)</b> The Time Lord and Clara are captured by Vikings and must help protect their village from attack by space warriors from the future known as the Mire. They are heavily outnumbered and outgunned, and their fate seems inevitable, so why does the Doctor seem so preoccupied with a single Viking girl? First of a two-part story guest starring Maisie Williams, familiar to Game of Thrones fans as Arya Stark in the hugely popular fantasy drama, as well as comedian Rufus Hound, with Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman.</p>	<p><b>6.00 Breakfast.</b> <b>10.00</b> Saturday Kitchen Live. <b>11.30</b> James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) <b>12.00</b> BBC News; Weather. <b>12.10</b> Football Focus. <b>12.50</b> Saturday Sportsday. <b>1.00</b> World Amateur Boxing Championships. <b>2.30</b> Bargain Hunt. (R) <b>3.30</b> Escape to the Country. (R) <b>4.00</b> Final Score. <b>5.20</b> BBC News. <b>5.30</b> Regional Programme. <b>5.40</b> Pointless Celebrities.</p> <p><b>6.30 Strictly Come Dancing.</b> Following last week's second elimination, the pro-celebrity couples dress up to the nines for another ballroom battle, and all smiles as they bid to get their names near the top of the leaderboard while secretly hoping their rivals fall flat on their faces during their routines. Whatever the quality, another pair will be leaving tomorrow – and the ultimate decision will be down to judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Dorey Russell. Tonight they have their say on the performances and give their scores as usual, while Tess Daly keeps things ticking over and Claudia Winkleman gets the celebrities' reactions as they leave the dance floor.</p> <p><b>8.20 Doctor Who.</b> The Time Lord and Clara are captured by Vikings and must help protect their village from attack by space warriors from the future known as the Mire.</p> <p><b>9.10 Casualty.</b> Love conquers all for a young couple, while emergency nurse Charlie is on hand to help a father and daughter deal with their grief. Hospital drama, starring Amanda Mealing, William Beck and Lee Mead.</p> <p><b>10.00 The National Lottery Live.</b> The all-important winning numbers.</p> <p><b>10.10 BBC News.</b> Weather.</p> <p><b>10.30 Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool at White Hart Lane and Everton v Manchester United at Goodison Park. The Reds were playing their first match since the dismissal of Brendan Rodgers, while Louis van Gaal's men travelled to Merseyside hoping to avoid a repeat of the 3-0 loss they suffered last season against the Toffees. Plus, action from Chelsea v Aston Villa and Crystal Palace v West Ham United.</p> <p><b>12.00</b> The Apprentice. (R) <b>1.00</b> Weather for the Week Ahead. <b>1.05</b> BBC News.</p>	<p><b>6.20 Film:</b> War and Peace. (1956) <b>9.40 Film:</b> The Lavender Hill Mob. (1951) <b>11.00</b> Animal SOS. (R) <b>11.30</b> Animal SOS. (R) <b>12.00</b> James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) <b>12.30</b> The Great British Bake Off: Masterclass. (R) <b>1.30</b> Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) <b>2.00</b> Harvest 2015. (R) <b>3.00</b> Harvest 2015. (R) <b>4.00</b> Harvest 2015. (R) <b>5.00</b> Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish. (R)</p> <p><b>6.00 Flog It!</b> Experts Charlie Ross and Tracy Martin visit Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre to examine a selection of antiques, including a Chinese snuff bottle and a miniature grandfather clock. Meanwhile, presenter Paul Martin heads for the university's faculty of music to examine the instruments in the Bate Collection. (R)</p> <p><b>7.00 Gardeners' World.</b> Actor Griff Rhys Jones offers Joe Swift a private tour of his garden and Carol Klein explores how leaves harness the sun's energy and turn it into food. (R)</p> <p><b>7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys.</b> Armed with his trusty 1913 Bradshaw's Continental Railway Guide, Michael Portillo travels from Sofia to Istanbul along part of the route taken by the Orient Express. (R)</p> <p><b>8.30 Dad's Army.</b> Frazer is asked to look after the platoon's Lewis gun, but finds himself in hot water when he misplaces the spring – and fears it is has been left inside a coffin. (R)</p> <p><b>9.00 Qi XL.</b> Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with guests Matt Lucas, Lucy Porter and Ross Noble joining Alan Davies.</p> <p><b>9.45 Cradle to Grave.</b> Fred starts work as a commissionaire, only to come into conflict with the boss, and Danny is mistaken for David Essex's brother, something he happily exploits to impress the girls. (R)</p> <p><b>10.15 Cradle to Grave.</b> Sharon's wedding causes old memories to resurface for Bet and Fred. Last in the series. (R)</p> <p><b>10.45 Film: Drive.</b> (2011) A stuntman-turned-getaway driver tries to protect a criminal's family, only to get drawn into a conflict with the Mafia. Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling and Carey Mulligan.</p> <p><b>12.20 Film:</b> La Vie en Rose. (2007) <b>2.30</b> This Is BBC Two.</p>	<p><b>6.00 CITY:</b> Bottom Knockout Street. <b>6.10</b> Bottom Knockout Street. (R) <b>6.20</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) <b>6.35</b> Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) <b>6.45</b> Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) <b>6.50</b> Soapy. (R) <b>7.05</b> Fish Hooks. <b>7.25</b> Adventure Time. <b>7.45</b> Marvel Avengers Assemble. <b>8.15</b> Horrid Henry. <b>8.30</b> Thunderbirds Are Go. <b>9.00</b> Jessie. <b>9.25</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) <b>10.20</b> Countrywise. (R) <b>10.45</b> ITV News; Weather. <b>10.55</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) <b>11.55</b> Downton Abbey. (R) <b>1.00</b> The X Factor. (R) <b>3.00</b> Rugby World Cup. Coverage of the opening quarter-final (Kick-off 4.00pm).</p> <p><b>6.15 Regional Programme;</b> Weather. <b>6.25</b> ITV News; Weather.</p> <p><b>6.30 James Bond's Spectre – With Jonathan Ross.</b> Exclusive interviews with the cast and crew of the new 007 blockbuster, including Daniel Craig and the latest Bond villain, Christoph Waltz. Featuring behind-the-scenes filming from locations in Mexico, Rome, Austria and Morocco. Jonathan explores the enduring success of the franchise and its classic cars, futuristic gadgets and Bond girls, and tries fulfil his wish to get behind the wheel of Bond's famous Aston Martin DB10.</p> <p><b>7.30 Rugby World Cup.</b> Coverage of the second quarter-final (Kick-off 8.00pm), as the winners of Pool C face the runners-up from Pool D at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. The winners of this match will progress to the opening semi-final on Saturday of next week, when they will face the team to triumph in this afternoon's quarter-final. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.</p> <p><b>10.15 The Jonathan Ross Show.</b> New series. The host welcomes another batch of celebrity guests, starting with Vin Diesel, Jessica Ennis-Hill, Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse, while Tom Jones provides the music.</p> <p><b>11.20</b> ITV News; Weather.</p> <p><b>11.35 Rugby World Cup Highlights.</b> Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the first and second quarter-finals, which took place at Twickenham and Millennium Stadium respectively.</p> <p><b>12.35</b> Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas.</p> <p><b>3.00</b> Show Me the Telly. (R) <b>3.50</b> ITV Nightscreen.</p>	<p><b>6.15</b> How I Met Your Mother. (R) <b>6.40</b> Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) <b>7.05</b> Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) <b>7.30</b> Hever Castle Triathlon. <b>8.00</b> The Morning Line. <b>9.00</b> Frasier. (R) <b>9.30</b> Frasier. (R) <b>10.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>10.30</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>10.55</b> The Big Bang Theory. <b>11.25</b> The Simpsons. (R) <b>11.55</b> The Simpsons. (R) <b>12.30</b> Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of British Champions Day at Ascot. <b>4.00</b> Channel 4 News. <b>4.15</b> Come Dine with Me. (R) <b>4.50</b> Come Dine with Me. (R) <b>5.20</b> Come Dine with Me. (R) <b>5.50</b> Come Dine with Me. (R)</p> <p><b>6.20 Come Dine with Me.</b> Yvonne Finlayson hosts the final night of the cooking competition in Glasgow, offering her guests a combination of "scientifically-infused" food, high-octane entertainment and scintillating chat – plus a healthy dose of revelations – to try to claim the £1,000 prize. (R)</p> <p><b>6.45 Film: Beautiful Creatures.</b> (2013) Premiere. A teenager falls in love with a new girl in his school, only to discover she is a witch. As dark secrets from her family's past emerge, they discover that on her 16th birthday, she will be required to choose a side in a conflict between good and evil. Fantasy based on Kami Garcia's novel, starring Alden Ehrenreich, Alice Englert, Jeremy Irons and Emma Thompson.</p> <p><b>9.00 It Was Alright in the 1990s.</b> Matt Lucas narrates another look back at TV shows from past decades, with this edition focusing on the time of Cool Britannia and programmes such as The Word, TFI Friday and The Glee Show. With contributions by Chris Tarrant, Matt Forde, Jenny Eclair, Samira Ahmed and Philippa Perry.</p> <p><b>10.00 Gogglebox.</b> Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)</p> <p><b>11.00 TFI Friday.</b> Chris Evans presents a brand new run of the lively entertainment show, with guests Take That, Steve Coogan, Slaves and Saoirse Ronan. (R)</p> <p><b>12.05 Film:</b> Scary Movie 2. (2001) <b>1.40</b> Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) <b>2.35</b> Hollyoaks. (R) <b>4.45</b> Location, Location, Location. (R) <b>5.40</b> Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) <b>5.45</b> Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Milkshake! <b>10.00</b> Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. <b>10.35</b> Access. <b>10.45</b> Cowboy Builders. (R) <b>11.45</b> Cowboy Builders. (R) <b>12.45</b> Cowboy Builders. (R) <b>1.45</b> Film: Columbo Likes the Nightlife. (2003) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. <b>3.30</b> Film: Columbo: A Bird in the Hand. (1992) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Tynne Daly. <b>5.20</b> The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)</p> <p><b>6.15 Funnies Fails, Falls &amp; Flops.</b> Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition, including a motorcycle crashing into a church and a bungled shop robbery.</p> <p><b>6.35 Funnies Fails, Falls &amp; Flops.</b> Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, including gravely taking its toll on a succession of the unwary and a ferry crashing into a jetty.</p> <p><b>7.00 Now That's Funny!</b> A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring some dating do's and don'ts and a selection of kitchen nightmares.</p> <p><b>8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Two agents get caught up in a dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to move out, while on the south coast, debt collection from a Turkish restaurant gets complicated. (R)</p> <p><b>8.55 5 News Weekend.</b></p> <p><b>9.00 Football League Tonight.</b> Kelly Cates and George Riley present highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Birmingham City v Queens Park Rangers, Leeds United v Brighton &amp; Hove Albion, Coventry City v Blackpool and Leyton Orient v Oxford United. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.</p> <p><b>10.30 20 Moments That Rocked the 00s.</b> Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade, featuring a look at world-changing news stories and entertainment headlines.</p> <p><b>11.55 The Best of Bad TV.</b> The series charting TV gaffs continues with a look at 2000s. (R)</p> <p><b>1.10</b> The Gadget Show. (R) <b>2.00</b> SuperCasino. <b>4.00</b> Witch Hunt: A Century of Murder. (R)</p>	<p><b>BBC Three</b> <b>7.00</b> Top Gear <b>8.00</b> Don't Tell the Bride <b>9.00</b> Russell Howard's Good News <b>10.00</b> Film: Scream (1996) <b>11.45</b> Family Guy <b>2.00</b> Together <b>2.30</b> Asian Provocateur <b>3.00</b> Russell Howard's Good News <b>4.00</b> Close</p> <p><b>BBC Four</b> <b>7.00</b> The Magic of Mushrooms <b>8.00</b> Lost Kingdoms of Central America <b>9.00</b> Arne Dahl: A Midsummer Night's Dream Part 1 <b>9.55</b> Arne Dahl: A Midsummer Night's Dream Part 2 <b>10.55</b> The Joy of the Single <b>11.55</b> Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie <b>12.55</b> Britpop at the BBC <b>1.55</b> Guitar Heroes at the BBC <b>2.55</b> Lost Kingdoms of Central America <b>3.55</b> Close</p> <p><b>ITV2</b> <b>12.15</b> Tricked <b>1.15</b> You've Been Framed! <b>2.20</b> Film: What a Girl Wants (2003) <b>4.30</b> Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) <b>6.15</b> Film: Hulk (2003) <b>9.00</b> Film: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) <b>11.00</b> Celebrity Juice <b>11.50</b> The Almost Impossible Gameshow <b>12.50</b> Release the Hounds <b>1.40</b> Tricked <b>2.30</b> Kylie Minogue: The Hot Desk <b>2.40</b> Teleshopping <b>5.40</b> ITV2 Nightscreen</p> <p><b>ITV3</b> <b>12.45</b> Inspector Morse <b>3.00</b> Midsomer Murders <b>5.00</b> Lewis <b>7.00</b> Doc Martin <b>8.00</b> Midsomer Murders <b>10.00</b> Lewis <b>12.00</b> Hidden Treasure <b>2.00</b> ITV3 Nightscreen <b>2.30</b> Teleshopping</p> <p><b>ITV4</b> <b>11.15</b> The Professionals <b>1.25</b> Silverstone Classic 2015 <b>2.30</b> British Touring Car Championship Highlights <b>4.00</b> Film: The Sting (1973) <b>6.40</b> Storage Wars <b>7.10</b> Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) <b>9.00</b> Film: Escape from New York (1981) <b>11.05</b> Film: Fearless (2006) <b>1.05</b> Hell on Wheels <b>2.00</b> Minder <b>2.50</b> ITV4 Nightscreen <b>3.00</b> Teleshopping</p> <p><b>E4</b> <b>2.20</b> Rude(ish) Tube Shorts <b>2.30</b> The Big Bang Theory <b>4.30</b> Film: The Golden Compass (2007) <b>6.45</b> Rude(ish) Tube Shorts <b>7.00</b> The Big Bang Theory <b>7.30</b> The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Leonard <b>10.00</b> The Inbetweeners <b>11.05</b> The IT Crowd <b>12.10</b> Brooklyn Nine-Nine <b>12.40</b> How I Met Your Mother <b>1.40</b> The Inbetweeners <b>2.40</b> The IT Crowd <b>3.30</b> Rules of Engagement <b>3.55</b> Suburgatory <b>Film4</b> <b>11.00</b> The Virgin Queen (1955) <b>1.00</b> 17 Again (2009) <b>3.05</b> The Family Stone (2005) <b>5.10</b> Home Alone (1990) <b>7.15</b> Zoolander (2001) <b>9.00</b> Contraband (2012) <b>11.10</b> Mama (2013) <b>1.10</b> The Principles of Lust (2003) <b>3.35</b> Close</p>

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FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**  
**Being Bhajjaan, Channel 4, 1am**  
Shabani Hassanwalia and Sameen Farooqui's documentary exploring the influence of Bollywood superstar Salman Khan on masculinity in India, told through the story of Shan Ghosh and Balam Gehani's obsession with the actor. To these devotees, Khan's physicality, the words he utters on screen, his charity work and the fact that he has yet to marry all verge on the sacred, but in real life the actor faces a five-year prison sentence for a hit-and-run case dating from 2002 and is currently out on bail. In Hindi and Urdu. (2014)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Fatal Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A widow returns to the small town where she grew up to recover from her grief at the loss of her husband, and gets a job as a secretary to the local doctor. She becomes suspicious about the surprising number of patients who die after treatment, and becomes convinced the seemingly kind medic is poisoning them. Crime drama, starring Amy Jo Johnson and David Haydn-Jones. (2006)



**THURSDAY**  
**Total Recall, Channel 5, 10pm**  
A man living in a bleak future years after a nuclear war has fake memories of being a secret agent implanted into his brain. However, the procedure uncovers the fact that he really is a spy with his memory erased, and he is forced to become a fugitive from the totalitarian government. Sci-fi thriller remake, with Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale and Jessica Biel. (2012)

**FRIDAY**  
**Skyfall, ITV, 9pm**  
James Bond pursues a mysterious criminal mastermind who has orchestrated a terrorist attack on MI6 headquarters and exposed the identities of undercover agents around the world. The trail leads to a rogue former operative who has a personal vendetta against the intelligence organisation's leader. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem, Judi Dench and Ralph Fiennes. (2012)

A life changing event awaits the citizens

Even the mighty Coen brothers couldn't have foreseen the success of Fargo when it was released back in 1996.

It was a huge hit, won brothers Joel and Ethan an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay, and Joel's wife Frances McDormand picked up a statuette for her performance as pregnant Minnesota police chief Marge Gunderson, who is on the trail of two killers.

Eighteen years later, writer Noah Hawley used the film as inspiration for a 10-part quirky crime drama which starred Billy Bob Thornton, Colin Hanks and Martin Freeman, although it was Allison Tolman who stole the show as Molly Solverson who, like Marge, is a state trooper.

The character pops up as a four-year-old child in the new series, which acts as a kind of prequel to its predecessor. At the centre of the story is Molly's dad Lou, who was originally played by Keith Carradine; here, Patrick Wilson assumes the role.

The story is set in 1979 and Lou is a Vietnam veteran now working as a

state police officer who, along with his father-in-law, Sheriff Hank Larsson, is investigating the links between a crime gang and a major Mob syndicate.

Wilson is joined on screen by Kirsten Dunst and Nick Offerman, while Bruce Campbell makes an unmissable appearance as US presidential candidate Ronald Reagan.

But perhaps the biggest draw is Ted Danson, who plays Hank, and wasn't sure about taking the role.

"To be honest, I hadn't watched the first season," he says, somewhat sheepishly. "My kids all kept saying 'No, no, no, no, no, you've gotta watch this!' And I continued to resist, for some reason."

"But then, towards the last month of doing CSI last year, there was an offer, so I immediately devoured the whole thing in about two days. Halfway into the first episode I was just totally hooked by the characters, the writing, the acting."

"The whole mood of it was so fascinating to me, and it definitely captured the spirit of the Coens, and then just took off on its own track."

Then I had a phone call with Noah. The part wasn't that large when I read it, and I kept saying 'Gee, is there enough for me to sink my teeth into?' but he remained very mysterious..."

Danson sports an impressive beard throughout, and it was all his own – although he and his wife, Mary Steenburgen, weren't so thrilled by it.

"We both went, 'looks good, feels like crap!'" he laughs. "I couldn't wait to get rid of it. I liked how it looked, but it was like trying to kiss through a burlap sack."

So, instead of focusing on facial hair, Danson would prefer people tuned in to see what promises to be one of 2015's best shows.

"It has that same Fargo tone, but it's also completely different," he explains. "It has the same thing – 'How can I be smiling and grimacing at the same time through all the violence?'"

"You still get to know the characters so well because of the leisurely pace. But you really get stuck into a different world – you really do time-travel back to the late 70s. And it does really have a unique voice."



Ted Danson stars in Fargo, Monday, Channel 4, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**SAS: Who Dares Wins**  
**Channel 4, 9pm**

New series. Selection for the SAS is one of the world's toughest job interviews and physical fitness is one basic requirement, but what's really being tested is psychological resilience and character as candidates undergo sleep deprivation, interrogation and a series of increasingly complex mind games. In this programme, ex-special forces soldiers recreate the selection process for 30 civilian men, with the first episode seeing the recruits arrive at an isolated barracks in Wales and are introduced to directing staff Foxy, Ollie and Colin, under the watchful eye of chief instructor Ant.

**TUESDAY**  
**Building Cars Live**  
**BBC2, 7.30pm**

Contrary to what some people may think or say – the British car manufacturing industry is in pretty good shape. Every 20 seconds, a brand new vehicle rolls off the production line somewhere in Britain. This new two-part documentary takes viewers into the fascinating world of the car manufacturing industry, with presenters James May, Kate Humble and Ant Anstead broadcasting live from one of Britain's biggest and busiest car

factories. The trio will go behind the scenes to reveal the science, engineering and people that keep us on the road, with access all areas to BMW's MINI plant in Oxford, the oldest car manufacturing site in Europe, with production dating back over 100 years, where a car is built every 67 seconds, which is less time than it takes to boil a kettle.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**DIY SOS: Homes for Veterans**  
**BBC1, 8pm**

Nick Knowles and the team continue with their most ambitious project to date, with the assistance of the local community and two royal helpers, Prince William and Prince Harry. The second edition sees them create a home for a veteran, who is a triple amputee after an IED blew up in Afghanistan. They are also aiming to renovate the fronts of the houses on the street and put in new utilities, as well as creating a lasting legacy in the form of a support centre, which will help other veterans find homes and jobs.



Building Cars Live, Tuesday, BBC2, 7.30pm

**THURSDAY**  
**My Son the Jihad**  
**Channel 4, 9pm**

In 2009, 19-year-old Thomas Evans from Buckinghamshire converted to Islam, adopting the name of Abdul Hakim. Two years later, he left his family home in Buckinghamshire to travel to Somalia where he became the only known white British man to join Al Shabaab, an Al Qaeda affiliate jihadi group behind multiple atrocities, including the 2013 Westgate shopping attack in Kenya. This documentary was filmed over a nine-month period and charts the struggle his

mother Sally and younger brother Micheal face as they try to reconcile the Thomas they knew – a loving, mild-mannered teenager – with Abdul, the jihadi-preaching fundamentalist he has become. While Micheal, who had previously been close to his sibling, often refuses to speak to him when he calls, Sally refuses to give up on her son.

**FRIDAY**  
**The CIA Kennedy Killing: Conspiracy**  
**Channel 5, 8pm**

There have been countless documentaries about the conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination of John F Kennedy, but this programme focuses on death of his brother, Robert, who shot in 1968. His killer, Sirhan Sirhan has spent the best part of 50 years in prison for the murder, but this programme looks at the claims that he himself was the victim of a Manchurian Candidate-style brainwashing. The programme also examines the conspiracy theories concerning other high-profile deaths, including that of TV presenter Jill Dando in 1999, and the suicide of British weapons inspector Dr David Kelly. There's also a look at claims that the CIA made more than 600 attempts to assassinate former Cuban president Fidel Castro, plotting to use everything from an exploding cigar to a bacteria-impregnated wetsuit.

**The Graham Norton Show**  
**BBC1, 10.35pm**  
A James Bond special, with guests Daniel Craig and Naomie Harris, who star as 007 and Miss Moneypenny in the latest release Spectre. Plus, in a live world exclusive, singer Sam Smith performs the theme to the movie.

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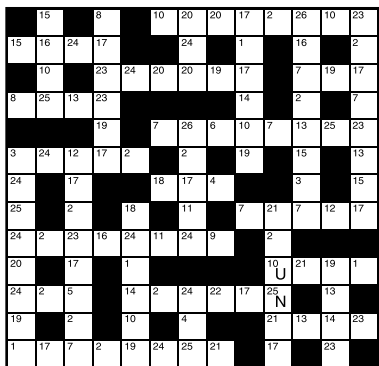
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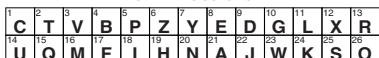
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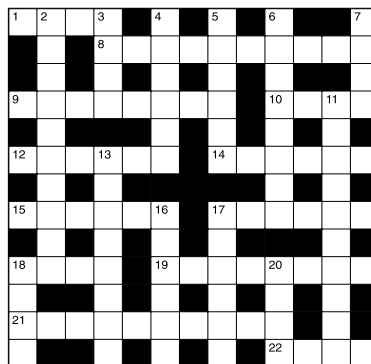
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- Sign of a poet completely lacking inspiration? (5,5)
- E.g. a thief to catch a thief? (4,4)
- Help to place a wager (4)
- Said my alarm went off (6)
- Recaps outrageous escapade (6)
- Lots go under it (6)
- On receiving flower, doctor becomes crabbed (6)
- Incline to be thin (4)
- Rave about big town in truth (8)
- Case against the prisoner? (10)
- Coil with a blow? (4)

Down

- Suggest I'd go in to frighten (10)
- Skilful sailor takes on the French (4)
- It provides a star-studded cast for the viewer (6)
- Presumably they help one to look slippery (6)
- Does he mend broken marriages? (8)
- Give a victory roll on the drums? (4)
- Elucidation of former place (10)
- Impetus for more than a short time (8)
- Let the cat out of the bag about meat (6)
- Show (6)
- Spoil drink at the rim (6)
- Does he travel up by train? Don't believe him! (4)
- Manners, so to speak (4)



Quick Clues:

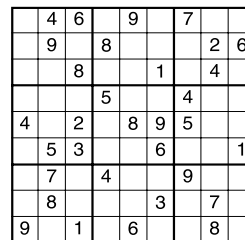
Across

- Platform (4)
- Victorious (10)
- Finished (8)
- Sleigh (4)
- Ready (6)
- Show (6)
- Still (6)
- Threefold (6)
- Sour (4)
- Attend (8)
- Abusive (10)
- Frank (4)

Down

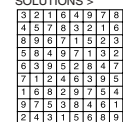
- Dictatorial (10)
- Cease (4)
- Noiseless (6)
- Hinder (6)
- Punish (8)
- Boss (4)
- Great merit (10)
- Bullfighters (8)
- Perpetrate (6)
- Ligament (6)
- Too (4)
- Mediocre (2-2)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Raiser; 8 Outlook; 9 Ah-leh; 10 Corps; 12 Economical; 15 Second hand; 18 Shops; 19 Ducking; 21 Concern; 22 Point. Down: 1 Broadcasts; 2 Tight; 3 Hebe; 4 Modern; 5 Stockman; 6 Correct; 11 Sole rights; 13 Canister; 14 Account; 16 Hiding; 17 Mimic; 20 Cope. QUICK - Across: 7 Force; 8 Adipose; 9 Example; 10 Limit; 12 Dissidence; 15 Astrologer; 18 Extra; 19 Fitness; 21 Protein; 22 Place. Down: 1 El-terminator; 2 Great; 3 Help; 4 Wagers; 5 Dislodge; 6 Comment; 11 Trespasser; 13 Isolated; 14 Station; 16 Offend; 17 Regal; 20 Type.

Thinking space

Quiz

- In the Bible, who owned the vineyard adjoining King Ahab's palace?
- What sort of bird is a yaffle?
- Who were the handmaidens of Odin who served at the Valhalla banquets?
- In which city is Yeshiva University?
- In which country was the first British atomic missile exploded in 1953?
- On which instrument was the 'Harry Lime Theme' played?
- What art gallery is situated at Millbank, London?
- Where is 'The Street Which is Called Straight'?
- What does the cooking term nivernaise mean?
- What, in American slang, is a 'Holy Joe'?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 1986; 2 Sir Robert Menzies;

3 Jim Callaghan; 4 Aaron Copland; 5 Pluto;

6 Aurora; 7 Greenland and Iceland;

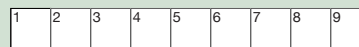
8 Dromedary; 9 Futurism; 10 Henry James.

Niner: ALDERSHOT

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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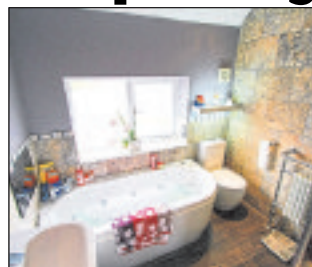
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- ◆ Part vacant commercial investment
- ◆ Currently producing £6,000 P.A.X
- ◆ Vacant part suitable for conversion/development for 2-3 flats (subject to planning permission)
- ◆ EPC rating D (78)

GUIDE PRICE £80,000+



**SOLD**

**122 CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR,  
CANNOCK, WS11 5BZ**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ End mews house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (Not tested)
- ◆ In need of renovation/modernisation
- ◆ EPC rating F (38)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£70,000



**SOLD**

**109 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD,  
CANNOCK, WS11 1HY**

**LEASEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Located in popular residential area
- ◆ Semi detached bungalow
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ EPC rating D (65)

GUIDE PRICE £110,000-£130,000



**SOLD**

**14-16 NEWHALL STREET,  
CANNOCK,  
WS11 1AB**

**FREEHOLD  
WITH VAVANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Originally constructed as a pair of semi detached houses but converted and combined 30 years ago for the use as doctors surgery and consulting rooms
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Car parking area to the rear
- ◆ Ideally suitable for reinstatement as a pair of semi detached house or 4 flats. A planning application has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council
- ◆ EPC rating D (112)

GUIDE PRICE £130,000+



**SOLD**

**40 WALHOUSE STREET,  
CANNOCK, WS11 3DY**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ In need of modernisation
- ◆ EPC rating E (51)

GUIDE PRICE £80,000-£90,000



**SOLD**

**METHODIST CHURCH,  
STRAIGHT MILE,  
CALF HEATH,  
WV10 7DP**

**FREEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Attractive single storey structure of brick, tile and render construction
- ◆ Conveniently located for ease of access to surrounding towns of cannoct, penkridge, stafford and wolverhampton
- ◆ Planning permission for conversion to a two bedroom residence



**SOLD**

**3 & 3A CEMETERY ROAD,  
CHADSMOOR,  
CANNOCK, WS11 5QH**

**FREEHOLD  
RESIDENTIAL/  
COMMERCIAL  
INVESTMENT**

- ◆ Semi detached structure comprising
- ◆ Hairdressing salon and self contained flat above
- ◆ Currently producing £13,580 P.A.
- ◆ EPC rating No 3 - C (62)
- ◆ EPC rating No 3a - D (61)

GUIDE PRICE £110,000+



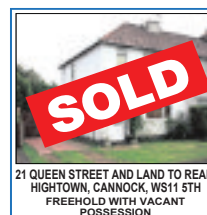
**SOLD**

**6 PARKER STREET, BLOXWICH,  
WALSALL, WS3 2LE**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Detached house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (41)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000-£80,000



**SOLD**

**21 QUEEN STREET AND LAND TO REAR,  
HIGHTOWN, CANNOCK, WS11 5TH**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ End mews house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Off road parking/garage space
- ◆ Larger garden area to rear
- ◆ In need of improvement
- ◆ EPC rating E (50)

GUIDE PRICE £125,000-£135,000



**SOLD**

**33 CANNOCK ROAD, BLACKFORDS,  
CANNOCK, WS11 5BU**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ In need of repair
- ◆ EPC rating E (50)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£70,000



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- 4 Bedrooms
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- Garage, Driveway
- Rear Gardens, No Upward Chain



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 • Superb Improved Detached Bungalow  
 • Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Re-fitted Bathroom

**OFFERS OVER £185,000**



- Double Glazing • Gas CH
- 20ft Garage
- Block Paved Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens



**NEW INVENTION MENAI CLOSE**  
 • Improved Semi Detached  
 • Popular Cul De Sac Location  
 • Hall, Lounge  
 • Gas Central Heating System

**£140,000**



- Hall, Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Extended 20ft Garage
- Re-fitted Kitchen, Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway And Gardens



**WILLENHALL WILLIAMS CLOSE**  
 • Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached  
 • Hall, Kitchen  
 • L Shaped Lounge With Dining Area  
 • Bathroom

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- Predominantly Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Driveway, Garage
- Pleasant Gardens, No Chain



**HADLEY HEATH CAISTER DRIVE**  
 • Much Improved 2 Bedroom Semi Detached  
 • Hall, Lounge  
 • Re-fitted Dining Kitchen  
 • Bathroom, Double Glazing

**£125,000**



- Gas Central Heating,
- Extended 20ft Garage
- Driveway, Gardens
- No Chain



**NEW INVENTION DORCHESTER ROAD**  
 • Stunning 2 Bedrooms Mid Terrace  
 • Garage  
 • Hall, Lounge, Dining Room  
 • Conservatory

**OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £110,000**



- Impressive Refitted Kitchen
- Luxury Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Gas CH
- Driveway, Gardens



**BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE**  
 • Semi Detached Property In Popular Location  
 • Double Glazing  
 • Gas Central Heating System  
 • Hall, Lounge, Kitchen

**OFFERS OVER £90,000**



- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain



### PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

#### NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Well Presented Ground Floor Apartment
- Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Rm
- Allocated Parking Space
- 70% SHARE AVAILABLE



**£90,000 (70% SHARE AVAILABLE)**



**WILLENHALL BILSTON LANE**  
 • Gently Extended 4 Bedroom Detached Bungalow  
 • Generous Pce DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL STP  
 • Large Lounge • Dining Room • Impressive Kitchen  
 • Bathroom, Shower Room • 20ft Games Room

**£280,000**



**SNEYD PARK BROCKERIDGE CLOSE**  
 • Impressive 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached  
 • Lounge • Dining Room • Extended Fitted Kitchen  
 • Garage & Driveway • Gas CH • Double Glazing  
 • Rear Gardens • No Chain

**£160,000**



**ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE**  
 • Traditional Semi on Premier Road  
 • Hall, Lounge  
 • Dining Kitchen  
 • Conservatory

**£185,000**



- Two Large Bedrooms
- Loft Bedroom
- Impressive Family Bathroom
- Rear Gardens



#### BENTLEY ALEXANDER ROAD

- Excellent Size 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached
- Occupying A Corner Position
- Hall, Spacious Lounge • Kitchen, Large Utility
- Bathroom, Separate Wc • Gardens

**£110,000**



#### WILLENHALL ASHMORE LAKE ROAD

- Well Presented Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms • Impressive Kitchen
- 2 Large Bedrooms • Superb Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Ch • Excellent Gardens

**£105,000**



**WILLENHALL BIRCHFIELDS ROAD**  
 • Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached  
 • Extended Kitchen • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Conservatory • Bathroom • Garage  
 • Pleasant Garden • Driveway • NO CHAIN

**£220,000**



**WILLENHALL KINVER AVENUE**  
 • Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property  
 • Hall, Lounge • Dining Kitchen, Guests Wc  
 • Bathroom, Double Glazing • Gas CH, Driveway  
 • Rear Gardens • No Upward Chain

**£119,999**



**BENTLEY EWART ROAD**  
 • Much Improved Spacious End Terrace  
 • Hall, Lounge, Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen  
 • 3 Impressive Bedrooms • Shower Room  
 • Rear Gardens, Double Glazing, Gas CH

**OFFERS OVER £120,000**



**WILLENHALL HODSON AVENUE**  
 • Much Improved Traditional Semi Detached  
 • Hall, Lounge, Impressive Dining Kitchen  
 • Three Bedrooms, Bathroom  
 • Double Glazing, Gas CH, Driveway, Gardens

**OFFERS OVER £110,000**



#### WILLENHALL RUGELEY AVENUE

- Much Improved 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Hall, Lounge / Dining Room, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas CH
- Driveway, Large Garden

**£105,000**



#### WILLENHALL BRICK KILN STREET

- Well Presented Semi Detached Property
- Hall, Lounge, Large Kitchen, G Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing, Driveway, Rear Gardens

**OFFERS OVER £100,000**



**SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE**  
 • Period Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property  
 • Two Reception Rooms • Extended Kitchen  
 • Bathroom • Double Glazing • Gas CH  
 • Pleasant Rear Gardens • No Upward Chain

**£99,000**



**WILLENHALL CLOTHIER STREET**  
 • Renovated 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property  
 • Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom  
 • Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating System  
 • Rear Gardens, No Upward Chain

**£90,000**



**WILLENHALL LEVESON STREET**  
 • Excellent Size Period Mid Terrace Property  
 • Hall, 2 Reception Rooms • Large Kitchen, Utility Room  
 • Two Double Bedrooms • Spacious Bathroom  
 • Double Glazing • Gas CH, Rear Gardens

**£85,000**



**WILLENHALL WELLINGTON PLACE**  
 • Well Appointed First Floor Duplex Maisonette  
 • Allocated Parking Spaces  
 • Lounge with Dining Area • Large Bedroom  
 • Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom • Double Glazing

**£79,500**



**WILLENHALL SHEPPELL GREEN**  
 • Spacious Well Presented Second Floor Flat  
 • Hall, Large Lounge • Spacious Kitchen  
 • Two Excellent Bedrooms • Re-fitted Bathroom  
 • Double Glazing • Garage • No Chain

**£69,995**



**WILLENHALL HOLMAN CLOSE**  
 • Much Improved Ground Floor Maisonette  
 • Hall, Lounge, Kitchen • Double Bedroom  
 • Bathroom, Double Glaz • Warm Air Heating  
 • Long Lease • No Upward Chain

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**Bilston Lane Willenhall** **NEW**



- 2 Bedroom end terraced house
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**  
Viewing:

**Broadmoor Road Bilston**



- 2 Bedroom semi detached house
- No upward chain
- Entrance porch and hall
- Lounge/diner

OFFERS AROUND: **£75,000**  
Viewing:

**Portway Road Bilston**



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- No upward chain
- Lounge/diner
- EPC E, Modern kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£125,000**  
Viewing:

**Upper Ettingshall Road Bilston**



- Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall • Guest WC
- EPC Rating D, Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**  
Viewing:

**Webb Street Bilston**



- Refurbished Semi Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall • Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£102,950**  
Viewing:

**Rosehill Willenhall**



- Edwardian 4 Bedroom family house
- Retains character and further potential
- Lounge open to kitchen
- EPC - F, Dining room

OFFERS AROUND: **£179,000**  
Viewing:

**Rosehill Willenhall** **NEW**



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- No upward chain
- Lounge
- EPC - E, Dining room

OFFERS AROUND: **£125,000**  
Viewing:

**Shepherd Drive Willenhall** **NEW**



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- Corner plot
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**  
Viewing:

**Warstones Road Wolverhampton** **REDUCED**



- 2 Bedroom semi detached house
- Popular location
- Lounge
- Dining room

OFFERS AROUND: **£125,000**  
Viewing:

**Finchfield Lane Wolverhampton**



- Traditional Semi Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Entrance Porch • Reception Hallway

OFFERS AROUND: **£215,000**  
Viewing:

**Williams Close Willenhall**



- Semi Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Entrance Hallway
- EPC Rating D, L Shaped Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£134,950**  
Viewing:

**Constantine Way Bilston**



- Immaculate Detached Residence on the popular Bridgefields Estate
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall • Guest Cloakroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£179,950**  
Viewing:

**Newbolt Road Bilston**



- Middle Terrace Residence
- Gas Central Heating & UPVc Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- EPC TBC, Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£94,950**  
Viewing:

**Shale Street Bilston**



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- Entrance porch and hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**  
Viewing:

**Jenny Close Bilston**



- Semi detached
- 3 Bedroom
- Cul-de-sac
- EPC = TBC, Driveway

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**  
Viewing:

**Parkes Street Willenhall**



- Semi detached Residence with No Upward Chain
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- EPC - D, Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£74,950**  
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**Crab Lane Willenhall**



- 3 Bedroom Detached house
- Fantastic potential
- 1870 sq yards plot
- EPC - D, Large driveway

OFFERS AROUND: **£330,000**  
Viewing:

**Bentley Lane Willenhall**



- 2 Bedroom ground floor apartment
- No upward chain
- Modern kitchen/diner
- EPC - C, Shower room

OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**  
Viewing:

**Manor Road Walsall**



- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Energy Rating D, Kitchen & Ground Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**  
Viewing:

**Scholars Walk Walsall**



- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating D, Family Bathroom & Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**  
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## PROPERTY AUCTION - 20th OCTOBER 2015



### 638 PARKFIELD ROAD PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV4 6EH

Popular location, Mid Terraced, canopy Porch, Two Reception, large Rear Hall, Cellar, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, large Bathroom, Gas CH., some Double Glazing, Outside: Two Stores, long garden EPC E54

**Guide: £60,000 / £65,000**

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 16th & 17th  
OCTOBER @ 10.30 a.m.**



### 3 CASTLECROFT ROAD BILSTON, WV14 6PQ

*Investment – current income £5,700 p.a.x.* Conveniently situated Semi-Detached, Double Glazing, Gas CH, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Hall, fitted Cloakroom

Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, enclosed Rear Garden EPC E45

**Guide: £70,000 / £75,000**

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & MONDAY, 16th & 19th  
OCTOBER @ 10.00 a.m.**



### 86 CASTLECROFT ROAD CASTLECROFT, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 8DA

Good residential area, well appointed Bungalow, Gas CH, Porch, Hall, 22ft Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom Store, ample Parking & Garage, lovely 100ft Rear Garden EPC D60

**Guide: £113,000 / £118,000**

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 16th & 17th  
OCTOBER @ 11.15 a.m.**



### 3 PRIESTFIELD STREET BILSTON, WV14 ONE

*Investment – Current income £6,300 p.a.x.* Large Mid Terraced in ideal location Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Hall, WC & Store

Three double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, attractive Rear Garden EPC E41

**Guide: £70,000 / £75,000**

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & MONDAY, 9th & 19th  
OCTOBER @ 10.45 a.m.**



### 14 GLOUCESTER STREET WOLVERHAMPTON, WV6 OPT

Well located Mid Terraced, Two Reception, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two double Bedrooms, Gas CH system, Double Glazing EPC E40

**Guide: £48,000 / £53,000**

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 16th & 17th  
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Character Detached House with large grounds, outbuildings & Garage Double Glazing, Gas Heating, Two Reception, Kitchen, Sun Lounge Two Bedrooms, Bathroom – ample scope to extend STPP EPC E43

**Guide: £115,000 / £120,000**

**VIEWING:**

**FRIDAY & MONDAY, 9th & 19th  
OCTOBER @ 11.30 a.m.**



### 41 STRATTON STREET WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 9AJ

Exceptionally well presented End Terraced Home Two Reception, well appointed Kitchen, Rear Hall, large Bathroom, Three Bedrooms Private Garden, Double Glazing, Gas CH EPC D62

**Guide: £59,000 / £64,000**

**VIEWING:**

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## WILLENHALL



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## NEW INVENTION



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## WILLENHALL



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## SHORT HEATH



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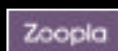


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- Five Bedrooms
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- Extended Kitchen
- Garage
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- Converted Garage
- Conservatory
- Block Paved Driveway
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite

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- Superb Detached Family Residence
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- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Converted Garage to Office/Playroom
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen

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**Wrekin View, Walsall**

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- Extended Traditional Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Attractive Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

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- Garage
- Off Road Parking
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- Refitted Kitchen

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- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom En Suite
- Bathroom

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- Presented To A High Standard
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Refitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen

£130,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Sneyd Lane, Walsall**

- No Upward Chain
- Ground Floor WC
- Spacious Lounge
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Ample Off Road Parking

£130,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

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- Immaculately Presented Throughout
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- Impressive Kitchen/Diner
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Close to St John's C of E School

Offers in the Region Of £120,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Red Lion Avenue, Cannock**

- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Modern Kitchen
- Chasewater Grange Nearby
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £120,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Daw End Lane, Walsall**

- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Porch
- Rear Garage & Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in the Region Of £115,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Warren Place, Walsall**

- Large Corner Plot
- End of Terrace
- Popular Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge with dual aspect windows
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Utility Room

Offers in the Region Of £115,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Chantry Avenue, Walsall**

- Spacious Semi-Detached
- Corner Plot
- Large Side Garage
- Ideal First Purchase or Family Home
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £110,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Peake Road, Walsall**

- No Upward Chain
- Block Paved Driveway
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory

Offers in Excess of £100,000

**SOLD**  
Subject to Contract

**Plant Way, Walsall**

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal for a First Time Buyer
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- IMPOSING THREE STOREY NEW BUILD
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- TWO EN-SUITE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- LOUNGE
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS
- GARAGE
- 10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY

£215,000



**Lincoln Road, Chuckery**

- Much Extended & Improved Property
- Two Storey Rear Extension
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Near to Walsall Arboretum

£200,000



**Chester Road, Brownhills**

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Guest WC

£200,000



**Norton Road, Pelsall**

- Superbly Appointed Link Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Lounge

£199,950



**Vernon Way, Bloxwich**

- Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- One/Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

£195,000



**Coppice Road, Walsall Wood**

- Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Superb Conservatory
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Potential to Convert Garage to 3rd Bedroom/Granny Flat
- Ample Off Road Parking

£160,000



**Mayfields Drive, Brownhills**

- Extended Modern Family Home
- Sought After Cul-De-Sac Location
- Superb Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge
- Dining Area
- Refitted Family Bathroom

£155,000



**Windrush Close, Pelsall**

- Three Bedroom Townhouse
- Three Storey
- Ground Floor Cloak Room
- Master with En-Suite
- Off Road Parking
- Sought After Pelsall Location

£150,000



**Bloxwich Road, Bloxwich**

- No Upward Chain
- Four Bedrooms (En-Suite to Master)
- Two Reception Rooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£150,000



**NEW**

**Greenfields Road, Shelfield**

- No Upward Chain
- Refitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Popular High Heath Area
- Viewings Advised!

£149,950



**Lichfield Road, Bloxwich**

- Beautifully Presented
- Many Original Features
- Luxurious Bathroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

£140,000



**Norton Road, Pelsall**

- First Time Buyer?
- Looking to Downsize?
- Ideal Village Location
- Local Schools and Amenities Close-By
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

£125,000



**Dartford Road, Dudley Fields**

- Superbly Presented & Extended Semi-Detached
- Block Paved Driveway
- Porch
- Ground Floor WC
- Laundry Room

£125,000



**Coxmoor Close, Turnberry**

- Suitable Buy-to-Let
- Great First Purchase
- Immaculately Presented
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

£125,000



**Pooles Lane, Willenhall**

- Ideal Starter Home
- Off Road Parking
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Refitted Bathroom
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms

£115,000



**Irvine Road, Bloxwich**

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- CORNER PLOT WITH LARGE REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE TO REAR
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- LUXURY BATHROOM

£115,000



**Cavendish Road, Reedswood**

- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Superb Rear Garden
- Immaculately Presented
- Viewings Advised!

£115,000



**Springfields, Rushall**

- Well Presented End Terrace
- Ideal First Purchase
- Kitchen/Diner
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge

£114,950



**Lapwing Close, Brownhills**

- No Upward Chain
- Sought After Watermead Grange Development
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Fitted Kitchen with appliances

Offers in Excess of £100,000



**NEW**

**Shannon Drive, Brownhills**

- Well Presented Starter Home
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking to the Fore
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£95,000



**Basalt Close, Reedswood**

- Modern Town House
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Offers in the Region Of £95,000



**Field Road, Bloxwich**

- Period Style Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

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**NEW**

**York Avenue, Bentley**

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# DS5 is a stylish class act

By John Griffiths

**A car's styling is, to a great extent, a matter of personal choice: you love it, hate it or are left completely unmoved.**

For me, the DS5 comes in that first category and that applies particularly to the car's interior – a mix of exclusive club lounge and aircraft cockpit. It's a pleasant, even exciting, place to be even before you press the starter button.

I've been trying self-analysis with regard to this response. Is it just different, and new (as any car can be) or is there a hint of repressed nostalgia for that iconic French motor of the 50s and 60s, the Citroën DS?

To me that legendary motor, while not without its issues, was a real innovator: space age looks yet a world away from the winged wonders inspired by American cars of that era. Plus it pioneered innovative features such as hydraulic self-levelling suspension and directional headlights.

Now DS Automobiles is a stand-alone premium brand under the Citroën umbrella. Like Toyota with Lexus and Nissan with Infiniti, such a rebranding of flagship models is undoubtedly a sensible way of breaking the badge domination of the premium German brands, and Jaguar, in this sector.

The DS5 tested – Prestige Blue 180bhp version – at £32,040 is a prime example, a big, smooth and economical car oozing Gallic style which will certainly make its driver stand out from the crowd in the company car park. No, I can't say it looks like the original DS, but as you pass an eye over its sleek lines there are hints which stir memo-

ries for car fans of a certain age. But inside it is thoroughly modern, and unique: vive la difference, one might say.

There's the crystal clear virtual instrument display in front of the driver, while at his side is a high centre console (no, not a transmission tunnel as it's front wheel drive) which means the array of switches and gear change level fall easily to hand, just in the right place. All switches are big and solid, with chromed rims.

Overhead there are front and rear sun roofs (with electrically controlled blinds) which makes the cabin feel light and airy, and give an impression that its even bigger than it actually is – in fact the DS5 will seat five adults in comfort.

In front, the sun roof is split into two (both can be opened and closed individually) divided by an aircraft style roof console, housing more toggle switches and controls.

The seats themselves are superbly shaped, well-padded leather and multi-adjustable – some of the most comfortable I can recall.

There is a seven-inch touch screen in the centre of the dashboard, controlling satnav, audio, trip computer and a range of other vehicle functions, plus a steering wheel with remote controls. Dual zone automatic climate control, noise-reducing window glass and an upmarket sound system are also part of the luxury package.

Under the bonnet there's a two-litre turbo diesel, turning out 180bhp and a whopping 400Nm of torque which is a good combination for smooth, swift progress, with good response at low revs, it's quiet, too, rarely raising its voice above a whisper and the ride is particularly supple and comfortable, a true descendant of the DS philosophy.

Its vital statistics are 0 to 62mph in 9.9 sec-



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onds, official average fuel consumption of 64.2mpg and (for a car of this size) an impressively low and tax-efficient CO2 rating of 114g/km.

The six-speed torque converter automatic gear box does its job well enough although it isn't perhaps as responsive as some of the latest dual clutch systems if you're pushing on. But then I'm not sure if this is part of the DS5's character: it's a car which seems more about the smooth, relaxed covering of distance rather than the traffic lights grand prix.

There's a long list of standard equip-

ment, including cruise control front and rear parking sensors, rear parking camera, stability control, emergency brake assist, hill start assist, automatic headlights, and door mirrors with kerb lighting.

The other DS5 in Prestige Blue trim is the 2.0 litre six-speed manual, 150bhp model which starts from £29,560. The range has a three year, 60,000 mile warranty.

The DS5 is a class act, offering a blend of performance with economy and tax efficiency. You could say many new cars do that – and that's true, but in the DS you do it in style, and dare to be different.



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# Bloxwich frustrated by goalless scoreline

**Streety 0 Bloxwich 0**

AFTER beating Wednesday last Saturday 3-2, Bloxwich were left feeling frustrated and relieved after their hard fought goalless draw against a strong and physical Streety team.

In a match where both defences held their own, Bloxwich rued many a missed chance in a game that could have gone either way.

Bloxwich were unlucky not to have a Phil Ashcroft goal allowed and Streety rightly felt an injustice had been served when a goal of theirs was disallowed.

In what turned out to be a stalemate of a game, defenders Aaron Allocock and Ryan Mitford shone through with excellent defensive performances.

**Bloxwich 3Wednesday 2**

With pre-season friendly games not going the way Bloxwich wanted, The Barbarians were nervous before their first game in the West Midlands Premier.

The nerves showed when Wednesday scored an early penalty corner. Bloxwich responded with an excellent goal from Harry Robinson just before another Wednesday goal before half time.

Bloxwich always felt they had more to give in the game and were rewarded in the second half with Gary Williams' equaliser.

Bloxwich's squad showed a higher level of fitness over Wednesday and this helped Harry Robinson score the winner from another short corner. Bloxwich's defence stood strong in the second half with new goalkeeper Mark Azram barely having to touch the ball.

After a tense start, Bloxwich got the three points they deserved.

**Derby clash sees Darlo share points**

**Darlaston 1 Wednesday 1**

BOTH teams created chances to win, but a record league crowd saw this exciting Black County derby end level.

The opening quarter saw the hosts force five corners, from one of which Mark Swann hit the bar.

But the visitors struck on 20 minutes when Scott Sandland's effect was blocked by debut keeper Adrian Swatman only for Scott Powell to fire home the loose ball.

Second-half substitutes Kurtis Perry and Sam Giles gave Darlo more pace up front and on 76 minutes Perry's through ball found Leon Taylor for the equaliser.

The final five minutes was tense for the home crowd as Scott Powell was denied by the post and a Ben Johnson strike was cleared off the line by Ashley Walker.

Deep in stoppage time, Jayden McCalla could have sealed the game but his 20 yard strike was denied by the Darlaston post.

**Pelsall are bounced out of FA Vase**

**Woolstanton 4 Pelsall 1**

PELSALL Villa crashed out of the Staffs FA Vase at the first hurdle with a 4-1 defeat at Woolstanton.

Aaron Sylvester coolly rounded Douglas Hughes to get Pelsall back to level pegging at half-time when Dave Ashley had given Woolstanton an early lead.

But Chris Broad made it 2-1 when beating Dale Faultless at his near post; Mark Grice finished from a corner when unmarked and unchanged two yards out and Ashley got his second of the game to make it 4-1.

Inconsistent Pelsall, who had shown plenty of spirit last week, are once again conceding goals from innocuous positions.

Pelsall travel to Coventry Copsewood this Saturday.

# Better show but still no victory



Andy Fitzgerald and Taric Tin lead the charge

**Walsall 23 Leek 25**

WALSALL produced a vastly improved performance and were desperately unlucky in not securing the victory over their North Staffordshire rivals.

Full back Roger Weston put over a 40 metre penalty and then the hosts levelled through McDermott. The visitors added to their score when lock forward Harrison went over.

McDermott added the extra points.

The visitors extended their lead with a 20 metre driving maul that saw centre Palmer touch down.

Walsall's deserved score came after defence-breaking carries by Andy Fitzgerald and prop forward Taric Tin. They took play deep into opposition territory and

then the ball was moved quickly by fly half Connor Pitt and he found flank forward Benson bursting through for the score.

The start of the second half saw both teams conceding silly penalties.

McDermott put over a 40 metre kick, while Weston saw his effort, from a similar distance, rebound off the upright.

This would prove to be crucial to the final result.

As the game moved into the final quarter Walsall drew level.

Full back Weston touched down behind the posts.

Scrum half Needham went over near the goalpost.

Jordan Lay then dived over the tryline.

# Wood do the double and that's no Lye

**Lye Town 2 Walsall Wood 3**

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The second half exploded into life in the last 10 minutes but it was too little too late as Wood went home with all three points.

Wood had the first chance when on three minutes Corey Curriethers raced clear wide left, his low cross hit first time by Max Black to bring a brave block from keeper Jake Bedford.

The home side was keeping up the pressure on the Wood defence.

Having weathered the storm Wood made inroads into the Lye half, Joey Butlin fastening on to a ball into the centre of the box to fire a rising drive into the roof of the net to put Wood ahead.

Three minutes later it was nearly two, Drew Aiton cleverly releasing Dan Griffiths into the left of the box to hit a first-time effort just too high.

On 26 minutes a clever right wing move from a throw in saw Kevin Nickle race into the edge of the six-yard box, his fierce near-post drive was well held by Evans.

## Denying

There was no denying Nickle four minutes later however, Williams again made space wide right, his low cross to the near post volleyed home giving Evans no chance.

Two minutes later it was Kalum Evitts charging down the left, another near post cross fired this time into the side netting by Nickle.

Within a minute Wood were back in front, Craig Deakin hit a long ball down the line.

Butlin was too strong for two defenders in the corner before coming away with the ball, crossing to the far post to pick out Curriethers. His first time drive was pushed away by Bedford, Aiton was the first to react firing the ball into the roof of the net.

Wood were content to keep things tight at the start of the second half, breaking out of defence through the centre on 57 minutes, Black running at the home back line before laying the ball off right to Griffiths to fire in a low drive that was pushed away by Bedford at full stretch.

Straight to the Wood end, Joel Cains powering into the right of the box, Evans out quickly and bravely to block his low drive, the ball rebounding to substitute Ben Wilkins to fire a first-time effort over.

Wood sewed up the three points on 88 minutes Griffiths' low drive gave keeper Bedford no chance.

In extra time Spray fired into the corner.

## Richards books Glassboys place



Goal scorer Justin Richards of Stourbridge fires the ball past Jack Duggan of Rushall. Photo Will Kilpatrick

**Stourbridge 1 Rushall 0**

STOURBRIDGE booked their place in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round draw thanks to a stunning free-kick from Justin Richards.

But Rushall almost forced a replay when Jack Duggan's volley flew inches wide late on.

Richards' goal proved decisive in front of a packed crowd of 773

at Amblecote. The visitors started brightly though, and could have gone ahead within the first few minutes.

A clever ball over the top of defence from Aris Christophorou found Jamie Spencer, on-loan from Kidderminster Harriers, whose lob hit the bar.

The Pics were left to rue that miss minutes later when Stour

winger Chris Lait – formerly of Rushall – was brought down on the edge of the area after cutting in from the left.

Richards stepped up and lifted the ball over the wall and into the corner of the net to put the home side ahead with under 10 minutes on the clock.

Rushall nearly foundan equaliser through Duggan.

# Villa boss 'has two games' to save his job

TIM SHERWOOD is already fighting for his Villa future, with reports suggesting the boss has just two games to save his job.

The former Tottenham boss was appointed in February and guided the Villans away from the relegation zone and to the FA Cup final.

However, since the loss of star striker Christian Benteke to Liverpool and skipper Fabian Delph to Manchester City in the summer, Villa's new-look squad have managed to win just one of their opening eight Premier League fixtures of the season – on the opening day of the campaign at newly-promoted Bournemouth.

Just a solitary point – at home to winless Sunderland – has followed since, and Villa are currently on a run of four straight league defeats, sparked by a 3-2 reverse to Leicester City in a match Villa had been leading 2-0.

Sherwood is understood to have had a meeting with chief executive Tom Fox about the run which has left the claret and blues four points adrift of Albion and mired in the relegation zone.

Although they beat Second City rivals Blues in the League Cup and threatened to get something at Anfield when going down 3-2 to Liverpool, a derby-day defeat to Albion and last Saturday's 1-0 home loss to Stoke City means Villa are already four points adrift of safety.

Sherwood has been booed off at the end of matches against Stoke and Albion, as well as at half-time against Blues.

And he admitted last week that he is still searching to come up with his best 11 after a summer overhaul of the squad in which he spent more than £50m.

# United fall to late tries after close game

WALSALL United put up a good performance at Longton.

Although Walsall lost 36-19, the scores were very close until the hosts scored two tries in the final five minutes.

Tries for Walsall by Tony Lay, Andy Richardson and Richard Towe.

Andy Hawkins kicked two conversions.

**Stoke U-16s 5 Walsall U-16s 19**

Walsall were quick to put pressure on the Stoke line and were soon on the scoreboard when a fast scrum ball was spun wide for Cameron Kirkbride to crash over for a try.

The second half, with Walsall playing up the slope meant that they had more defending to do.

However they did the job very well, restricting Stoke to one, unconverted try when they were penalised five metres out.

**Stoke U-15s 36 Walsall U-15s 19**

Some outstanding tackling especially from Sam Ferguson, Oliver Topham and Hiwa kept the opposition at bay. Another Stoke converted score made it 14-0.

# Rodgers in wings should Sherwood go

AXED Liverpool boss, Brendan Rodgers, could be in for a swift return to the Premier League as Villa's new manager should Tim Sherwood fail to turn around his club's fortunes, according to reports.

Picking up one point in seven games has reportedly left Sherwood on the brink, with the next two games crucial to his survival.

A trip to Jose Mourinho's surprise strugglers at Stamford Bridge this Saturday comes before a must-win home match against Swansea the following weekend.

Rodgers, who was sacked after Liverpool's draw with Everton before Jurgen Klopp was brought in to replace him, impressed at Swansea before landing the job at Anfield, winning promotion with the Welsh side in 2011.

# Next round beckons for Walsall side

**Walsall Senior Cup – Round 1**  
**Shifnal Town 1 Walsall Wood 5**

WOOD went ahead within 10 minutes but the West Midlands League 1 side were soon back on level terms when Adam Hill fired in a low drive from 20 yards.

Wood took control from that point onwards, never looking in danger.

Wood went ahead when Steven Hayles raced away wide left, swapped passes with Corey Curriethers before crossing into the centre for Drew Aiton to power a header home.

It only took Town four minutes to get back on level terms. From a left wing near post corner the ball was played back to Adam Hill 20 yards out, his low drive finding the left hand corner of the net.

A minute later they nearly went ahead when a long ball forward saw Chris Henry read the bounce of the ball better than two defenders, only to fire just wide.

Wood went back in front on 19 minutes, a long clearance from keeper Lee Evans was headed out wide left to Curriethers.

He went through one challenge, cut inside and his low cross was sliced into his own net at the near

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post by Barry Evans. Another Lee Evans clearance six minutes later put Hayles clear wide left, his cross met by the head of Joey Butlin.

The ball came back off the bar, hit the keeper on the back but was cleared by an alert defender.

Luke Delaney fired a low drive through a crowd of players and keeper Tom Whittaker was unable to hold the ball. Dan Griffiths pounced to fire into the roof of the net.

## Signing

Wood's new signing Emmanuel Gueyes replaced Butlin at the break and almost made an immediate impact when on 50 minutes Deakin went on another of his marauding right wing runs, played the ball inside to Gueyes on the right of the box, he cleverly turned outside his marker to hit a fierce low drive that was saved at full stretch by Whittaker.

Wood made it four when from a right wing near post corner on 60 minutes Curriethers bulletted a header into the roof of the net.

A ball through the centre of the Wood defence

eluded two defenders and Henry couldn't believe his luck, but Deakin raced across and took the ball off his toe as he was about to shoot.

Wood completed the scoring when Gueyes crossed from wide right to beyond the far post to find Aiton on the left edge of the box.

He was composed as he went past one defender, calmly rounded the keeper before unselfishly playing the ball right, across the face of the six-yard box for Griffiths to fire home.

It was the same trio involved three minutes later with Gueyes winning the ball wide right and finding Aiton down the line, he cut inside, made space for a shot that was pushed away by Whittaker but straight to Griffiths, his first time shot off the outside of the right post.

On 83 minutes the hard working Jordan ran onto a ball right of the box, his low drive beat the advancing Evans but was cleared off the line by Josh O'Garra racing back to cover.

The last action came on 87 minutes, Aiton collecting a ball right of centre before going on a diagonal run, finishing with a low drive that Whittaker at full stretch pushed away.

Wood go forward to round two,



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## Smith will keep feet on ground

WALSALL boss Dean Smith insists he is not getting carried away despite his side's outstanding start to the season.

Goals from Liam Kinsella and Tom Bradshaw saw the Saddlers earn a deserved 2-0 victory over fellow high-flyers Burton Albion on Saturday.

The result in front of almost 7,000 fans at the Banks's Stadium allowed Smith's side to leapfrog their opponents and move back to the top of the League One, with 25 points from their opening 12 games.

Despite another fine team performance, the boss is remaining calm with just a quarter of the season having been played.

"I take a lot of pride in being top of the league, but we want to be there in May," he said. "We're 12 games in and we've only lost one game so we deserve a lot of credit for how we've been playing and the results and performances we've had. But the important thing is to be there in May."

"We are getting a lot of publicity at the moment for being where we are, but prizes are given out at the end of the season, not now."

Smith was courted by Championship outfit Rotherham in the days before the game, with the Millers making an approach for his services that was swiftly rejected by the board.

And the boss laughed off any suggestion the speculation might have affected his players while also reiterating his commitment to the club.

"Did there look like a problem? No? There you go," he said. "There have been ups and downs as there always will be at a club but there has been a steady rise all the way through it in terms of the players that have come through."

## Dean's delight as young guns play key role in success

WALSALL boss Dean Smith has expressed his delight at seeing so many young players feature in the win over Burton Albion.

Youth graduates Liam Kinsella, Reece Flanagan, Rico Henry and Matt Preston all played their part in the 2-0 victory which saw the Saddlers move back to the top of League One. All four of those starlets are 20-years-old or younger and Smith is thrilled to see them make their mark on the first-team.

"It's a great sign for the future of the club," he said. "We have no qualms about throwing young players in because they are very good footballers."

"We have for a system here, an academy run by Neil Woods and it's run very well."

"As a club we thrive on those young players coming through."

"They come up through the ranks and they understand what is required."

"But they are not just good footballers – they are also really good lads as well."

One youngster who caught the eye on Saturday was Kinsella, who scored his first professional goal. "He's a pleasure to work with," Smith said.

## Last gap penalty keeps hopes alive

Sporting Khalsa 1 Spalding United 1

A late, last-gasp penalty from Dave Meese earned Sporting Khalsa a deserved draw and kept the FA Cup dream alive.

Spalding had clearly done their homework on Ian Rowe's side, working hard to contain the wide threats and cut out the service to front man Craig Bannister.

the visitors took the lead just after a minute, impressive fleet-footed winger Josh Moreman picking up the ball on the flank, cutting in and firing a shot which appeared to take a slightly lucky bounce to elude James Pemberton and end

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up in the back of the net. The early goal altered the dynamic of the game completely.

This meant there were very few clear cut chances during the game, although the intense battles around the pitch were enough to keep the spectators engaged.

Craig Bannister had two efforts blocked by the Spalding defence on 32 minutes and three minutes later the same player curled a free kick over the bar from 20 yards.

Khalsa were a much the better team after the

break. Mensah Kinch's cross from the right on 49 minutes narrowly evaded Bannister and a long-range effort by Marvin Nisbett on 51 minutes stung goalkeeper Michael Duggan's hands as he palmed it into the air before collecting it.

Well into injury time, the Spalding time-wasting strategy backfired slightly as Nisbett was brought crashing down by Duggan – who wasn't dismissed.

With regular penalty takers Bannister and Jackson removed from the action, up stepped the super-calm Meese to fire home the penalty and send the home fans into raptures.

# SADDLERS NOW SITTING ON TOP

Walsall 2 Burton Albion 0

LEAGUE One stand up and take note. Walsall are top of the table.

And, after this showing, there is no reason why they can't finish there come May.

The soaraway Saddlers are flying but this victory over Burton was more than just three points. It was a statement of intent.

A top-of-the-table clash against a side unbeaten in five, this was the biggest domestic game of the day thanks to the international break.

And, on top of that, Walsall's players took to the field on the back of a turbulent week which saw boss Dean Smith publicly courted by a Championship side.

Yet with the pressure on and the prize of top spot at stake, every member of the Saddlers' squad stood tall in what was an outstanding team display.

### Promise

It started with the boss, who remained true to his pre-season promise that he will go on the offensive.

Smith stuck with the attacking 3-5-2 formation that has proved so successful this season, but with Jason Demetriou away with Cyprus it was a big call.

It meant Liam Kinsella was the man to start in the unfamiliar role of right wing-back.

Yet the 19-year-old midfielder went on to repay his manager with a starring display.

As well as registering his first-ever career goal – with a sublime low drive in the first half – Kinsella went toe-to-toe with one of the best wingers in the division in the shape of Lucas Akins.

He may be pint-sized, but the youngster kept the giant forward in his pocket to such an extent he was substituted just past the hour mark.

It was a display full of character that typified the Saddlers on the day.

After a cagey opening 20 minutes, Smith's side took control for the rest of the half with Romaine Sawyers once again pulling the strings.

As has so often been the case this season, the Saint Kitts & Nevis international was on a different page to everyone else on the pitch with a series of flicks and tricks sending the Saddlers on



Liam Kinsella scores for Walsall during the match against Burton which saw Saddlers go top of the league

their way. Sawyers was combining particularly well down the left side with Rico Henry, whose influence on this team continues to grow week by week.

The 18-year-old was a constant threat to Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's side while in midfield, Sam Mantom made his sure his side remained on the front foot with his intelligent use of the ball.

It meant the Saddlers thoroughly deserved their one goal lead at the break, with Burton's only real effort coming in stoppage time when Mark Duffy curled well after cutting inside.

Burton had arrived at the Banks's with eight wins from their opening 11 games.

But as they went in search of an equaliser after the break, they were met by a man mountain in the shape of Adam Chambers.

Walsall's skipper was magnificent. Blocks, tackles, interceptions – Chambers was always in the right place to keep the Brewers at bay.

And, whenever in possession, the former Albion man kept things simple to ensure he never once lost possession.

It wasn't just Chambers though who defended like a lion.

Walsall were so organised and so well drilled that Burton found it virtually impossible to break through.

## Khalsa boss wants magic run to go on

SPORTING Khalsa boss Ian Rowe is hoping Saturday's dramatic late salvage of an FA Cup replay can see his side's 'blessed' run continue.

Dave Meese bagged a stoppage time penalty to draw Khalsa level with Spalding United, of the division above, who had taken a first minute lead in the third qualifying round clash in front of a 420-strong crowd.

The boss said: "Fair play to Meesey. He's an accomplished player and nothing at all favours him."

"Everyone has probably seen the video by now but he buried it."

"My two normal penalty takers, Craig Bannister and Brad Lawley, were behind me in the dugout but I had faith in him."

"He gave us a lifeline and it's something for us to cling on to."

"We've still got nothing to lose."

"The whole week's build-up to the game was like a circus – in the nicest possible way."

"It's taken me and the club right out of our comfort zone but it's exciting and we're still in the hat!"

Rowe's men travel to Lincolnshire for tomorrow night's replay somewhat depleted – much down to the 9-5 jobs of some of his stars.

"This long midweek trip is new and I'll be waiting by my phone all today to see those that can get a half-day at work," he said.

"We've got two lads whose suspensions begin from a league game."

"It could be square pegs in round holes but it's the FA Cup and it's 90 minutes."

The fourth qualifying round draw, where the National League Premier sides such as Kidderminster Harriers enter, is made today.

"I'd love Tranmere Rovers!" the

## Relief as Ethan foot op is not needed

WOLVES have been boosted by the news defender Ethan Ebanks-Landell does not require surgery on his fractured foot.

It was feared the 22-year-old might be ruled out for up to four months after a scan picked up the injury in his left foot.

But after seeing a specialist earlier this week, it was decided the fracture in his fifth metatarsal is small enough not to require surgery.

The centre-back is still likely to face between four and six weeks on the sidelines, but it means a significantly-reduced headache for boss Kenny Jackett, who nevertheless now finds himself severely lacking in defensive cover.

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